Chickasaw Annual Day and Festival begins Sept. 24. See back page for schedule of events!

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First official count in over 100 years

Chickasaw Census to be mailed; citizen support key to success

Census forms will be mailed Sept. 20 to all Chickasaw citizens currently listed on the CDIB data base.

Shortly thereafter, more than 40 field representatives will be deployed to assist in completion of census forms.

Field representatives will be wearing shirts bearing the Chickasaw Census logo and carrying employee badges for identification. In addition to home visits, representatives will also be making phone calls to citizens to remind them to complete the census forms.

"We are making every effort to ensure every Chickasaw citizen is accounted for in this historic census," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "This census is designed to help those of us in government better understand the status of Chickasaw citizens so we will be better equipped to serve the people."

Special incentives are being offered to every citizen who completes a census form.

Citizens who do not receive census forms may go to the Chickasaw Nation Web site, www.chickasaw.net, where forms will be available online.

Citizens are requested to return census forms by Oct. 18.

For the convenience of citizens, forms may be returned to a census booth at this year's Annual Meeting on October 1. The census booth will be set up near the registration area.

For information or to request census forms, call (580) 421-7711.

*See **Census forms,** page 10*

Festival art

"Bloomfield" by Jeannie Barbour is the official artwork for this year's Annual Meeting and Festival. The artwork is created using color pencil and water color. "Bloomfield" will be featured on short-sleeve and long-sleeve t-shirts, posters and note cards. These items will be available for purchase at the 2005 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 24 to Oct. 2 in Tishomingo.

McManus, Woods, Bellefeuille-Eldred reelected; Sperry defeats Hartman; Burris, Ogee in run-off

Voters retain three incumbents; elect one new legislator

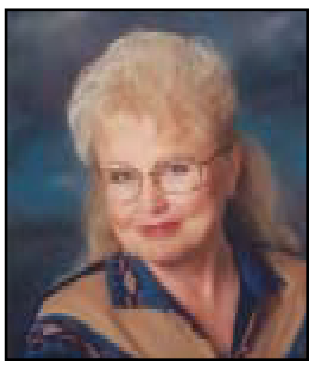
Dean McManus

Steven Woods

Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred

Mitch Sperry

Melvin Burris



Mooniene Perry Ogee

ADA, Okla. — Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced results of the August 16 tribal election.

Incumbent legislator Donna Hartman lost a close contest to challenger Mitch Sperry, and incumbent Pontotoc District legislator Melvin Burris will face a runoff. All other incumbents will retain their seats.

Sperry, who polled 1,015 votes to Hartman's 983, will serve as Pickens District Seat 2 representative on the Chickasaw Nation legislature.

Burris, who won more than 40 percent of the vote in a four-way race, will face Mooniene Perry Ogee in a runoff election for Pontotoc District Seat 3.

Ogee polled 27.18 percent of the vote, while Toby Perkins polled 24.41 percent. Rodney Brown finished a distant fourth with less than nine percent of the vote.

Incumbent Dean McManus won more than 70 percent of the vote to defeat challenger Heath Allison for Pontotoc District Seat 4 representative.

Steven E. Woods polled more than 62 percent of the vote, and will serve another term as Tishomingo District Seat 3 representative. Woods defeated challenger Joe R. Orr in that contest.

*See **Election results,** page 11*

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July 15, 2005

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright**,** Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Ron Frazier, Paul Yates, Rita Loder, Mooniene Ogee

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - June 17, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the June 17, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2005 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-019, Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 8, Title 3, Chapter 3 and Title 10, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Code of Laws of the Chickasaw Nation (Comptroller Act)

This resolution updates and streamlines the codified processes of the budget and accounting procedures of the tribal government. It amends those sections of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding the Comptroller Act of 1994 to describe that all functions can be performed by existing personnel without the need for a Comptroller.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR22-019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mr. Seawright noted the resolution was not received in a timely manner and there was not sufficient time for the Legislature to review PR22-019.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table PR22-019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

4 no votes

The motion to table PR22-019 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 22-057, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, Ms. Billie Easterling

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Billie Easterling to fill the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, becoming effecting on the date the Governor signs this resolution and ending on December 31, 2005.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-057. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Mr. Seawright noted if the resolution was approved, the term of office would be in excess of three years. He suggested the term end December 31, 2005, and follow up with a resolution for reappointment with the term beginning in December, 2005 and ending in December 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend GR22-057 by amending the ending date to December 31, 2005. Mr. Burris seconded the motion.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott,Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

Members voting no: Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

2 no votes

The motion to amend GR22-057 carried.

A roll call was taken on GR22-057 as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Holly Easterling

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR22-057 as amended, carried.

General Resolution Number 22-058, Approval of Application for Funding – Administration for Native Americans Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans for the establishment of the Healthy Marriages and Families project, an initiative to increase the well-being of our youth through cultivating healthy marriages within the Native American community. The application requests federal funding in the amount of $400,000 over the three-year project. The tribe's required 20% match will be provided through in-kind and tribal funds.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-058. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-058 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-059, Approval of Application for Funding Family Violence Prevention and Services

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Children and Families for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project. With the funds from the grant, clients will be assisted with relocating costs associated with leaving an abusive situation. This can include, one month's rent and deposit and utility deposits for housing, household items, bedding, beds, dinettes, kitchen items, clothing, transportation tickets to locate services or employment, and groceries. The grant will provide crisis counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders, and facilitate a weekly support group, "Spirit Circle". Also many referrals will be made to tribal and non tribal agencies to assist with emergency shelter, legal needs, etc. This grant serves Native and Non-Native victims.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR22-059. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-059 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 22-047, Agricultural Lease No. G03-2690 in Marshall County

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G03-2690, for farming and grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation. The lease contains 80 acres, more or less, and is in favor of Kenneth R. Muncrief, of Madill, Oklahoma. The proposed lease will be for a one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2005, and ending on December 31, 2005, with a per annum payment of $350.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-047. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Member voting no:

Steve Woods

1 no vote

(Mr. Scott Colbert and Mr. Tim Colbert were not present for the vote.)

The motion to approve GR22-047 carried.

General Resolution Number 22-060, Right-of-Way Easement in Pushmataha

*See **Minutes,** page 32*

Your participation key to Chickasaw Census

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

In our modern society, information is key to most everything.

Throughout Chickasaw history, good information has always been important to our tribe. Early Chickasaw war parties were meticulous in their preparation for battle, and enemy forces and defenses were studied intently. Chickasaws were regularly successful in commerce and negotiation because they studied their trading partners' needs and tendencies. Chickasaws were known as unconquerable people because they were consistently prepared for most any event – all based on good information.

Information in these times can be even more powerful. It can move quickly and, when applied properly, can help create good situations and good lives for people.

It has been over 100 years since an official census of the Chickasaw Nation has been conducted. Now, in September 2005, a new Chickasaw Census will be undertaken, this time by the tribe itself.

On September 20, the tribe will mail out Chickasaw Census forms to every known Chickasaw head of household. It is very important that you take the time to complete the form and return it to the tribe. It is a simple, two-page form. But it is a form with great power.

With the census information you provide, those of us who serve you in tribal government can much better plan for our common future. With the very basic information you submit with the census, we can together produce plans that will account for our future generations of

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Chickasaws. As we discover more about who our people are, where they live and how they live, we can much better fashion our blueprint for the future. Your information will help us place our tribal resources in ways that best serve all the people.

A sample of the Chickasaw Census form is located inside this edition of *the Chickasaw Times*. You will see the form is very simple and asks for very basic information about you and your family. Remember, all the information you provide will be utilized by the tribe only. Those of us who serve you in tribal government will apply the census information strictly for planning purposes.

There are incentives to returning your census forms, and you can also read about those inside this *Times* edition. There will be a special table set up at this year's October 1 Annual Meeting in Tishomingo, and you may drop off your completed Chickasaw Census form there. Otherwise, you may complete the form and mail it in.

For those who might need assistance with Chickasaw Census forms, the tribe will offer field representatives who will visit Chickasaw homes. These representatives will be recognizable with special Chickasaw Census shirts and employee badges. These representatives will be trained to assist all Chickasaws with the census, and to answer questions you may have.

Completing this historic Chickasaw Census will help us so much as we grow together. As our predecessors did, we will use this important information to nurture our people and help our tribe grow stronger.

CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING & FESTIVAL

September 24 - October 2, 2005

Young Chickasaw composers sing praises of workshop

Students who attended the first ever workshop for composers at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy were quick to sing its praises.

"It was a great chance to explore the arts," said workshop participant Joel Barrick.

The workshop was led composer-in-residence Jerod Tate, a Chickasaw who is experiencing success as a young classical composer.

"Every single one of them in their private lessons – they have a private lesson every day, all nine kids – and every last one of them in their private lessons have been very respectful, very creative, inspired," Tate said during an interview at the academy. "I mean all the juices are flowing. And there has been high momentum in their composing. And this is the first piece a lot of them have ever composed. So their response is really high. And artistically, I think it's been very good."

Student Courtney Parchcorn said the class was fun.

"I actually tried writing my own music when I was 13. And now to hear the Crimson String Quartet playing our compositions is just really cool. The academy is something that all young natives need to do.

"Learn more about the arts, more about yourself, and about our people. Not only that, you will also meet different people and make friends. We all got to learn about different types of the arts: writing or composing music, visual, singing, dancing. I encourage people to go next year.

"You can really express yourself through art," she said.

Selina Matthews said she was nervous about going to the academy, but it was a great experience.

"I learned I can play the piano, I can compose music and it was great to hear real musicians play my composition. I loved my teachers and I can't wait for next year."

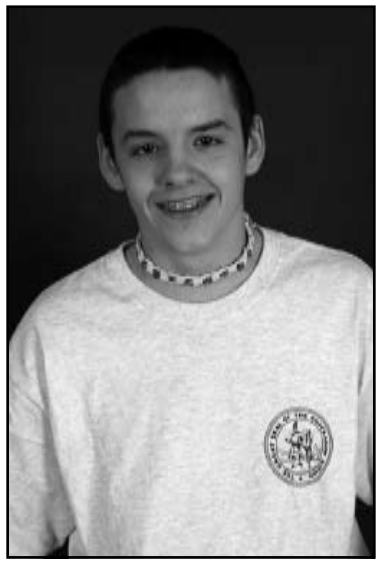
Taylor Martin said he is looking forward to attending the academy again next year.

"I thought it was really fun; an experience that I will remember for a long time!"†

T.J. Alexander, from Ardmore, was said he really enjoyed learning to write music and experiencing the whole process of creating his own piece of music.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

TJ Alexander



Joel Barrick

Selina Matthews

Courtney Parchcorn

Group sending moccasins to Native American troops

Members of the National Native American Veterans Association are making an effort to send pairs of moccasins to all Native American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A release issued by the group states that it is a Native tradition for warriors to wear new moccasins when they went into battle.

"The new moccasins were to bring him home safely from battle or to ease his transition into the next life," said membership coordinator Thomas Berry.

Moccasins made in the traditional way and wrapped in red flannel are being sent to troops at a cost $21 per pair.

Contributions to support the effort can be sent to Project Moccasin Fund, care of the native American Veterans Association, P.O. Box 891973, Oklahoma City, OK 73189-1973.

For information, contact Mr. Berry at (405) 692-6365 or e-mail hashukmalli@sbcglobal.net.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Project planning allows for good execution

Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

The heat belies that Fall may be around the corner - I think we probably have more very warm summertime days to go before it gets here! I do hope that with all the excessive heat all of you are managing to stay comfortable (not too hot) and not endanger your health from too much heat exposure. The Chickasaw Nation is fortunate to have within its boundaries lots of lakes and bodies of water.

It is nearing Annual Festival time and the element of excitement it always generates is beginning to emerge. The event is truly extraordinary and my wish is that you could all come and enjoy those days with those of us who will be here. Many, many do come and we are glad for that!

It is a busy time (as always) in the Legislature as we continue a pattern of growth in the Nation and as we do our part to help it happen. The budget was approved last session and it is awesome, especially as we compare it to just a few years ago. Projects are planned well in advance of their actual happening and the monies to pay for the projects - which almost all have to do with additional services to the Chickasaw people - are on deposit before the project which gets approved is ever begun. It is a very prudent way to do business and has helped to create the excellent reputation for business activities which we enjoy and are proud of as a Tribe. We have a leader with vision and the innate ability to assign the projects to people with the knowledge and experience to make them happen. The services offered to tribal members are wonderful and we have much for which to be thankful. And we are!

Periodically we, the Legislature, tour the projects all around the Nation and we did just that last week. It was exciting to see the result of legislation we have passed. We continue to work together conscientiously as a group for the best interest of the Chickasaw people. We do not all think alike, fortunately, and out of our differences comes a meeting of minds that stands the work we do for all our Chickasaw people in good stead. It truly is an honor and privilege to be a part of all the progressive, positive action.

Take care of yourselves - God bless you!

Legislators must act ethically, honestly to best serve citizens

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I have been honored to represent you these past 11 years and promise you that I have always represented you to the best of my abilities. I do not take lightly the trust that you have placed in me as your representative and have always made informed decisions on your behalf. Gaining the necessary information to make good decisions has required me to work many hours and days other than the days of committee meetings, Legislative Sessions and Committees of the Whole. It is a joy for me to spend that time learning about issues that face the Nation as it grows more affluent.

Because of the nature of our business, we Legislators must receive and digest information that is sensitive and confidential. It would be impossible for us to share all the information that we receive with the general public because doing so would impede the ability of our government to operate efficiently and effectively. In fact, it is a matter of professional ethics that we do not do or say anything that would in any way impede the proper operation of our tribal government or deter it from fulfilling its mission of enhancing the lives of all Chickasaw citizens. To do otherwise would be a great disservice to our Chickasaw citizens.

The Legislature has taken steps over the years to ensure the public that your elected officials act in proper and ethical ways. In 1989, the Legislature enacted the "Legislative Ethics Act of 1989." That Act is codified at Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code and it describes how we Legislators police our own actions to ensure that we act in an ethical manner. In 1993, the Legislature passed laws to ensure that all elected officials are held accountable for their actions. Those laws are codified at Title 16, Chapter 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. In 2002, the Legislature enacted the "Ethics in Government Act" which is codified at Title 2, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. That Act further defines what is ethical behavior for elected officials and employees of our tribal government.

Because the Chickasaw Nation has grown exponentially over the last decade, we have acquired and will continue to acquire numerous parcels of land, both large and small. Negotiations for land are extremely sensitive and the Legislature recognized the need for laws specifically addressing the need to keep such information strictly confidential. This last month, the Legislature passed additional laws that govern the behavior of Legislators in protecting sensitive and confidential information. Resolution PR22-011 enhances the ability of the Legislature to police its own actions regarding the improper release of information related to the acquisition of land for the Nation.

Also this month, the Legislature passed Resolution PR22-010 which enhances the protocol between the Executive and Legislative Departments in regard to land acquisitions. The resolution ensures that the Legislature will receive adequate information in order to make informed decisions regarding the acquisition of land. It also ensures that such information will be treated as confidential information.

The Chickasaw Constitution places the responsibility to "make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to Federal Law" squarely on the shoulders of the Legislature (Article VII, Section 7). You can rest assured that we Legislators take that responsibility to heart and constantly work to fulfill that responsibility.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu or through the telephone number and address listed in this and every edition of the *Chickasaw Times*. Thank you.

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Vocational rehab meeting needs throughout Nation

Dean McManus
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Friends. Hello, how are you? I hope this finds you well. Thank you so much for your continuing prayers for my family as we struggle to regain our health.

The Human Resources Committee met on July 8 and received a presentation from the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department. This department includes the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, the American Indian Vocational Services Program ("AIVS") and the Projects with Industry Program ("PWI"). All programs provide services to help American Indians with disabilities enter or reenter gainful employment that is compatible with their disabilities. Currently the Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides services to more than 450 consumers throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The PWI and AIVS programs are currently providing services to close to 200 American Indians with disabilities who reside throughout the state of Oklahoma. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program has an office in Ada and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors who visit regional offices throughout the Chickasaw Nation to provide services to American Indians with disabilities. The AIVS and PWI programs have offices in Ada, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa and visit other areas throughout the state to provide services to American Indians with disabilities.

The annual elections just concluded and I am very honored to have been re-elected to office. The words "thank you" do not seem sufficient to express the gratitude that I feel to be given the task of representing the voters of Pontotoc District in the Tribal Legislature. Please know that I am constantly aware of the responsibilities of this office and that I always strive to represent you to the best of my abilities. Thank you for your support.

If you have questions or comments, please email me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or contact me through the address or telephone numbers listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times. Happiness is people like you!

God Bless,

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Education opportunities abound for all Chickasaw students

Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I hope all our students have now applied for this term's educational scholarships, as discussed in this article last month. The tribe and the Chickasaw Foundation now offer a wide variety of scholarships for Chickasaw students. The funds are there for students who will apply for the scholarships, and work hard to make their college dreams come true!

This fall, we will once again be offering GED classes in the evenings. Classes are also available during daytime hours, but we try to make these classes available to people who must also fit jobs into their schedules. If you do not as yet have your high school degree or equivalent, the tribe's GED program is just right for you. You can fit the classes into your schedule, and make great headway on your career!

The last degree I earned was from a school of architecture. It is my hope there are Chickasaw high school seniors who have an interest in attending architecture school. Many schools out there offer this course of study, but only a few will offer students an updated degree program.

With an updated degree program, you will learn the skills necessary to build architectural models to scale, produce blueprints or drawings, as well as color renderings.

People with true architectural and interior design training are hard to find. If you have an interest in architecture and disciplines associated with architecture, I hope you will contact me. There are some excellent opportunities in those fields.

On a personal note, my son, Maj. Jimmie Scott (U.S. Army Reserve) is now back in Iraq after about six months stateside. I ask your prayers for all our servicemen and women serving in Iraq, and around the world. God bless them for the job they are doing for all of us.

Chickasaw students earn scholarships

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Summer has really flown by this year and school has already started. Kudos to recipients of the Life Time Scholarship: Randa Ables who is studying Dental Hygiene at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Emily Jones at the University of Oklahoma College of Law; Whitney Sheff studying law at Cincinnati University; Lisa Sweet in Legal Studies at East Central University; and Timpi Webber studying business at the University of Colorado.

Kudos also to Chickasaw Foundation scholarship winners Jennifer Harris, Ashley Johnson, Zack Skinner, Tawannah Love, Mindy Morgan, Riley Elmore, Katie Johnson, Amber Brecht, Dustin Newport, Michaela Worcester, Rina Chronister, Avery Kuykendall, Kenneth Hulsey, Timpi Webber, Jalaina Johnson, Bridget Whittington, Randall Hamilton, Lacii Crow and Chris Carpenter. Thank you all for your hard work and best of luck in your studies!

Congratulations to 13 GED students who recently earned their GED diplomas. We appreciate your hard work as much as the scholarship winners and wish you every success as you continue your education or enter the work force.

Our Health System Administrator, Bill Lance, gave a report to the Health Care Committee during our meeting of August 8. The Health System employees have been busy getting ready for the Joint Commission Accreditation Health Care Organization audit this month. We know that their preparation will be rewarded with an outstanding evaluation. Mr. Lance reminded us that Governor Bill Anoatubby is one of the 7 members of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. He also reported the following facts:

In the month of July, 2005, there were 231 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,124. July Emergency Room visits were 1,108. July saw 268 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,563 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,027 patients in July. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,576 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,449. The Durant Clinic saw 2,362 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,380.

Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

Staff attorney

The Chickasaw Nation Justice Department is looking to employ a Staff Attorney. Candidate will prepare and examine contracts and matters involving leases, licenses, purchases, sales, insurance, environmental, wills and probate, Indian child welfare, adoption, Indian Health Services, hospital, etc. with minimal supervision. Provides legal advice to various divisions of the Nation and may participate in major legal actions. Must be a graduate of an accredited law school and a member of any state bar with two to eight years experience in the practice of law.

Fingerprint and background check as well as pre-employment drug-screen required. Must submit references who are willing to be contacted. For a description of the Chickasaw Nation, please refer to http://www.chickasaw.net If you would like more information or would like to apply, contact: 580.436.7259, or PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. American Indian Preference.

Securing information imperative to proper conduct, service to citizens

Holly Easterling
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Your tribal legislature recently passed (10 voting yes, 3 voting no) Permanent Resolution Number 22-011 entitled "Amendment to Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code." This particular section of the code deals with Legislative Ethics. Although the code already outlined the definition and process of censure of a tribal legislator, a new resolution was needed to specifically define two forms of "confidential information" (and add a corresponding new section) which were not encompassed in the "Grounds For Censure." The two forms of confidential information outlined are: "the appraised value, asking price or negotiations of real property being considered by the Legislature for purchase, sale or acquisition by the Nation, until such time as the transaction becomes public record; and matters discussed by the Legislature meeting in executive session." As your elected representatives, we want to assure receipt of any and all information available regarding a proposed land acquisition in order to make the most informed decisions on your behalf. We also want to continue to receive your input in making these decisions. While we are free to discuss where the proposed acquisition is located, how many acres it contains, and any intended use for the property, we do have an ethical responsibility to protect certain confidential information about the negotiations in progress. The Chickasaw Nation's ability to acquire land (that is most times requested by our Governor to be placed in trust for the economic advantages it entails) is something that should never be jeopardized. The land we can acquire and request to be placed in trust is already limited to that which resides within our constitutional boundaries. Continuing to increase our land base (for justified purposes) has the effect of providing a "place" for new programs, services and departments or perhaps new businesses that can provide additional profits and jobs. We should take measures to protect the credibility and integrity of these negotiations because it is in the best interest of the Chickasaw Nation. In addition to the confidential information regarding proposed land acquisitions your legislators also receive, in executive session, other types of confidential information that need to be safeguarded. Examples of this could be discussion of the hiring, promotion, appointment or resignation of an individual or employee of the Legislature, discussion of matters involving a child/family or discussion of other negotiations where disclosure would seriously impair the ability of those negotiations to be completed. In summation, as Tribal Legislators, we must strive to be informed in all matters that fall under Legislative authority. Just as importantly, as public officials and as a public body, we must be "custodians" of confidential information we receive, whose dissemination could ultimately harm individual(s) or even the Chickasaw Nation itself. I hope this article has explained PR 22-011 and the reasons the Legislative Ethics Select committee recommended its passage. Thank you for taking the time to read this article and please feel free to contact me at any time. My information is listed in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times*. Have a wonderful September!

Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee
August 15, 2005
Present: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker
Education Committee
August 8, 2005
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs
Absent: Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman
Ethic Select Committee
August 15, 2005
Present: Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott
August 19, 2005
Present: Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Finance Committee
August 8, 2005
Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods
August 15, 2005
Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods
Health Committee
August 8, 2005
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander
Human Resources Committee
August 8, 2005
Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs
Absent: Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman
Land Development Committee
August 8, 2005
Present: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Steve Woods
August 15, 2005
Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods
Legislative Committee
August 8, 2005
Present: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs
Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods
Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
August 8, 2005
Present: Scott Colbert, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

Tribal budget picture continues to grow

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

In August, 2003, as chair of the budget committee I published a report on the annual consolidated budget to be approved for 2004. It is time again for a report, and particularly a report that reflects a comparison of budget increases or decreases in programs and services that tribal members may be interested . In the fall of 2003, I began having an open house for office visits and discussions with Chickasaw and public in Tishomingo every month. In October of this year I will leave the budget committee but I will not stop having member and conferences in Tishomingo every month. I will always be available for conference and assistance to the Chickasaws I represent. I have a regular office in Sulphur where I am found on most occasions and on other occasions I will travel to sites within and without my district for business. You are always welcome to call me or come to visit me.

In 1998, the consolidated annual budget prepared by the Governor and approved by the Legislature provided for, among other entries as follows:

Economic Development $50,000
Cultural Programs $20,000
Senior Citizens Nutrition $475,000
Community Programs $15,000
Capital Improvements $100,000
Program Support $44,500
Clothing Grants $35,000
Tribal Properties $136,700
Cultural Education $134,400
Burial Grants $30,000
Youth Programs $130,000
Youth Services $266,360
Contingency $84,400
Housing Assistance $100,000
Education Programs $375,000

Total net revenue from Chickasaw Industries was $4,004,993. The total Consolidated Governmental Budget was $52,448,374.

In August 2002, the tribe had 2,000 employees.

In August 2003, just one year after reaching 2,000 employees, the Tribe had some 3,500 employees. The total Consolidated Governmental Budget was $1,380,855,390. Net revenue from Chickasaw Industries was estimated to $50,000,000.

The 2004 Budget included programs not in existence in the 1998 budget discussed above and included increases as follows:

Cultural Programs $40,000
Aging Services $2,023,000
Community Programs $244,000
Administrative Costs/Tribal Programs $400,000
Program Support $354,000
Clothing Grants $250,000
Tribal Properties $881,000
Cultural Services $2,071,300
Burial Grants $88,000
Other Youth Programs $246,000
Youth and Family Services $1,562,600
Health Programs $2,575,000
Contingency $300,000
Emergency Assistance

*See **Scott Colbert,** page 7*

August 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 22-066

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as The South 100 feet of Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 84, Original Townsite of the City of Ada, Oklahoma, and all that part of the North 50 feet of Lot 5 lying South of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway and the North 50 feet of Lots 6, 7, and 8; and the South 10 feet of Lot 9, all in Block 84, Original Townsite of Ada, Oklahoma; and all of Lots 3 and 4 of Block 84 of the Original Townsite of Ada, Oklahoma, and a tract of land located in Block 84, Original Townsite of Ada, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 2 of Block 84; thence Northeasterly along North line of Lot 2 a distance of 214.8 feet; thence at a right angle Southeasterly and perpendicular to the North line a distance of 54.3 feet to the North line of Lot 5 of Block 84; thence Southwesterly a distance of 231.9 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 of Block 84; thence West a distance of 13.9 feet to the intersection of the South and West lines of Block 84, if extended; thence North a distance of 51.98 feet to the point of beginning; together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 22-067

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property and Lease and Construction of Office Building in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land in the W/2 of the SE/4 of Section 26, Township 4 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Meridian, Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, said tract being more particularly described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said W/2; Thence N00º36'57"E on the west line of said W/2 a distance of 653.90 feet to the POINT ON BEGINNING; Thence continuing N00º36'57" W on the west line of said W/2 a distance of 246.10 feet; Thence N89º29'59"E, parallel with the south line of said W/2, a distance 400.00 feet; Thence S00º36'57"E, parallel with the west line said W/2 (the bearing upon which this description is based) a distance of 400.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.26 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, is such action is advantageous.

Explanation: This resolution approves a Real Property Lease on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation and construction of an office building on property described as: A tract of land in the W/2 of the SE/4 of Section 26, Township 4 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Meridian, Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, said tract being more particularly described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said W/2; Thence N00º36'57" W on the west line of said W/2 a distance of 653.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing N00º36'57"W on the west line of said W/2 a distance of 246.10 feet; Thence N89º29'S9"E, parallel with the south line of said W/2, a distance of 400.00 feet; Thence S00º36'57"E, parallel with the west line of said W/2, a distance of 400.00 feet; Thence S00º36'57"E, parallel with the west line of said W/2, a distance of 246.10 feet; Thence S89º29'59"W parallel with the south line of said W/2 (the bearing upon which this description is based) a distance of 400.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.26 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 22-068

Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2006

Explanation: This resolution approves the Tribal Budget in the amount of $1,847,000 and the Consolidated Governmental Budget in the amount of $6,269,923,517.

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

Permanent Resolution Number 22-010

Amendments to Title 18, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Purchase Protocol)

Explanation: This resolution clarifies the protocol to be used in making real property purchases. It clarifies current statues.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative

As amended

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

Permanent Resolution Number 22-011

Amendment to Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Ethics)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 16, Chapter 7 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding legislative ethics.

Requested by: Holly Easterling, Chairman Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Holly Easterling, Chairman Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

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$100,000

Elderly Energy Assistance $200,000

Housing Assistance $130,000

Education Programs $2,426,000

Transportation $520,400

Emergency Utilities Programs $100,000

Horticultural Department $388,800

Within the Health Systems tribally funded programs included: Catastrophic Medical Assistance, Community Health, Dentures, Elders Prescription, Eye Glasses, Hearing Aide, Medical Assistance, Medication Assistance and Wellness.

In August, 2006, the Tribe has in excess of 7000 employees. The total Consolidated Governmental Budget is $6,269,923,517. Net revenue from Chickasaw Industries is estimated at $172,000,000. From this the Legislature and finance committee working with the Executive government will create a development budget estimated to be $135,000,000 for continued economic growth, future projects, capitol improvements, land purchases, and contingencies and reserves for the Culture Center. The net transfer to Tribe is $37,000,000, of which $32,000,000 is budgeted for programs.

The 2006 Budget approved by the Legislature at the August Legislative Meeting reflects the following line items for comparison with those approved in prior years:

Cultural Programs $40,000

Aging Services $2,827,000

Community Programs $244,000

Administrative Costs/ Tribal Programs $856,000

Program Support $1,480,000

Clothing Grants (absorbed into other programs)

Tribal Properties $856,000

Cultural Services $2,378,000

Burial Grants $88,000

Other Youth Programs $706,000

Health Programs $6,613,000

Contingency Assistance $130,000

Elderly Energy Assistance $224,000

Housing Assistance $175,000

Education Programs $5,093,000

Transportation $793,000

Emergency Utilities Programs $184,000

Horticultural Department $626,000

Within the health systems, a pharmacy refill center is budgeted and scheduled for completion within 18 months. The center will provide pharmacy refill services for Chickasaw members living beyond the tribal borders. There center will help citizens nationwide by providing up to 30% of their annual prescription drug cost on refill medications.

Other line items approved for the 2006 budget include: $81,000 for annual meeting, $2,378,000 for cultural services, $793,000 for transportation, $250,000 roads, $348,000 computer literacy and distribution, $1,018,000 arts and humanities, $116,000 internship programs and $918,000 Lighthorse Police.

Remember, there are Chickasaw Language revitalization classes going on throughout the nation. Take a class and begin communicating in your home and with your friends.

Thank you again for a suc-

First legal scholarship awarded; Night Out a success

Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

August has come and gone in a flurry of excitement. Our little ones are back in school, another football season is about to begin and just over 100 days left in 2005!

SUPREME COURT NEWS

July 26, 2005, the Judicial Branch proudly presented its first legal scholarship at a Scholarship Awards ceremony hosted by the Chickasaw Foundation. The first recipient of the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch Legal Scholarship was Ms. Timpi Webber. Timpi graduated from Hartshorne High School and will be attending Colorado State University majoring in law.

The Judicial Branch participated in National Night Out on August 2, 2005. National Night Out is sponsored by local law enforcement, including our very own Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officers and was held on the campus of East Central University. National Night Out is an annual event sponsored by law enforcement agencies all across the state and nation. The purpose is to provide a venue where the community can come together and establish and support neighborhood watch groups. The neighborhood watch groups help fight crime, drugs and violence in their neighborhoods. Families and friends enjoyed an evening of music and entertainment. We had a great time and encourage each of you to attend next year.

The Peacemaking Court continues to develop as it guides citizens through a more traditional process of dispute resolution. If you would like more information on the Peacemaking process you may call Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk, at: 580- 235-0281. Jason works very closely with the Peacemakers and he would be happy to explain the process that has been incorporated into our court system.

Justice Mark Colbert, Advocate Dustin Rowe and I had an opportunity to visit the Madill Senior citizens on August 9, 2005. We gave a brief presentation on the Judicial Branch and ate a delightful lunch with a great group of citizens. We held a drawing for the Chickasaw afghan and Austin Foraker was the lucky winner. We are looking forward to our next visit with the Madill Senior Citizens.

Our clerks will be attending the last training session for Court Clerk certification August 23 – 26, 2005. Oklahoma State University has done a great job of customizing a training program based on the Chickasaw Code. The Chickasaw Nation is the first Tribal Court to receive Court Clerk Certification training from Oklahoma State University. OSU is responsible for all of the Court Clerk Certification training for all court clerks in the state of Oklahoma county courts; it goes without saying that they have created an outstanding program to train the Chickasaw Nation court clerks. Upon completion, our clerks will have 68 hours of very specific court clerk training. We have staffed the courts with temporary clerks in the absence our clerks during this final week of training.

Inflatable moon bounce provided by the Judicial Branch for the children at National Night Out.

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, legal scholarship Timpi Webber, Justice Barbara A. Smith and Peacemaker Bob Cole.

Advocate Dustin Rowe, Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, Austin Foraker and Justice Mark Colbert.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

The District Court filed **37** new cases in July. The Court Advocates assisted **78** individuals with legal issues. We have had a total of 215 new cases filed this year in addition to the active cases received last year; the total District Court case load is approximately 2,500 active cases.

As our case load has increased; we have recognized the need for a special judge. The Human Resource department is taking applications for a qualified District Court Special Judge. The Special Judge will work closely with Judge Duck and will hold court as necessary to ease the number of cases docketed and to more effectively address the issues before the court. We are all looking forward to the addition to our department.

Once again, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your continued support of the Supreme Court and the District Court. As we grow, we will continue to look for ways in which we may better serve our Chickasaw citizens.

Special Judge

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch is looking to employ a Special Judge. This will be a part time position at the Chickasaw Nation District Court. Specific powers and duties of the special judge are to conduct all court proceedings, as assigned by the District Court Judge. Issue all orders and paper incident thereto, in order to administer justice in all matters within the jurisdiction of the court. Responsible for creating and maintaining the rules of the court, hold court regularly at a designated time and place, as well as administer oaths, conduct hearings and otherwise undertake all duties and exercise all authority of a judicial officer under the law. Applicant must be actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction and a member of the Chickasaw Nation. Must be an attorney licensed in the state of Oklahoma. Must have a minimum of five years combined experience in law practices, be familiar with the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and shall not be less than 25 years of age. Fingerprint and background check as well as pre-employment drug-screen required. Must submit references who are willing to be contacted. For a description of the Chickasaw Nation, please refer to http://www.chickasaw.net If you would like more information or would like to apply, contact: 580.436.7259, or PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. American Indian Preference.

Chickasaw presenters in 'Indian Learners' conference

Laura Morrison

On July 23, several Chickasaw Nation staff members, who are considered experts in their fields, served as presenters at the "Connecting to American Indian Learners" conference presented by the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

The conference addressed the issues of American Indian students and their relationships with faculty, curriculum content and their schools. Educators from around the state participated in the one-day conference which offered workshops on everything from art, culture and language to education opportunities and diversity.

Laura Morrison, Arts in Education Manager for the Chickasaw Nation, serves on the advisory board for the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education. As chair of the American Indian Sub-Committee, she played a vital role in creating and developing the conference.

Dr. John Clinton, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for Arts Education, stated that he was extremely well pleased with the conference and the information the educators received from all the presenters. He contributed a lot of the success to Morrison's input.

"I was very impressed with Laura's positive attitude and professionalism," he stated. "This conference worked as smoothly as anything I could have hoped for."

Other Chickasaw Nation presenters included JoAnn Ellis, Language Specialist for the Cultural Resources Department, and Vera Tims, Child Development, who conducted a session on Chickasaw Language and Culture.

Darrell Walker, Career Counselor for Employment Opportunities, shared his skills in miniature stickball stick making during a make and take session.

The Chickasaw Nation also provided entertainment during a luncheon which included traditional storytelling by Lorie Robins, Arts & Humanities, and native music by Brad Clonch and Robbie Blair of the Multimedia Department.

Clonch and Blair were also joined by other members of the Multimedia Department in presenting a closing ceremony performance entitled "The Journey Continues." The production crew included Danielle Armstrong, David Ballard, James Blackburn, Matt Bradbury, Stacy Lane, Josh Newby and Ashley Smith.

"The whole conference was just wonderful," Dr. Clinton said. "We want to continue to proceed with the success of this year and make this an annual event."

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Robbie Blair

39.3% net asset increase total for year-to-date

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit..

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending

July 31, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled $7.2 million for the month and $69.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $2.6 million and $21.6 million year-to-date. Year-to-date, a total of $34.3 million of the transfer from businesses has been for fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total $378.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $116.1 million for the year-to-date.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2005, the tribal government funds had $45 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $8.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had $77.2 million in cash and investments of which $30 million is reserved for accounts payable and $42 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of July 30, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling $399 million with $47 million in payables resulting in net assets of $352 million compared to $253.6 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of $99.6 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	5,017,738	378,907,070	383,924,808
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		64,481,082	(64,481,082)	-
Total funds available		69,498,820	314,425,988	383,924,808
Expedendures				
General government		4,196,931		4,196,931
Legislature		1,143,070		1,143,070
Judiciary		474,218		474,218
Education		2,702,928		2,702,928
Heritage Preservation		1,642,203		1,642,203
Health		4,018,054		4,018,054
Youth and Family Services		2,234,825		2,234,825
Nutrition Programs		1,642,657		1,642,657
Regulatory		515,363		515,363
Assistance Programs		1,070,463		1,070,463
Transfer to Loan Program		2,000,000		2,000,000
Gaming expense			178,281,408	178,281,408
Other businesses' expense			84,491,818	84,491,818
Total expenditures		21,640,712	262,773,226	284,413,938
Increase in net assets		47,858,108	51,652,762	99,510,870
Beginning net assets		102,966,239	150,617,130	253,583,369
Ending net assets	$	150,824,347	202,269,892	353,094,239

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
July 31, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	45,007,164	77,229,486	122,236,650
Receivables		436,958	5,652,266	6,089,224
Inventory			3,990,537	3,990,537
Prepaid expenses			6,165,086	6,165,086
Other Assets			24,522,330	24,522,330
Fixed assets		105,481,997	130,882,846	236,364,843
Less payables		(101,772)	(47,162,659)	(47,264,431)
Net Assets	$	150,824,347	201,279,892	352,104,239

Your tribe needs your help!

Completing Chickasaw Census forms essential

Completing a census form will take only a few minutes and is an essential step in the process of improving the lives of Chickasaw citizens.

In addition, special incentives are being offered to every citizen who completes a census form.

Census information currently being collected by the Chickasaw Nation is aimed at helping tribal officials understand how to best meet the needs of Chickasaw citizens.

"We need to have as complete a picture as possible about Chickasaw citizens as we work to develop our plans for the future," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Knowledge about the age, location and family status of Chickasaws will enable us to continue effective, sustainable tribal development."

Great care has gone into creating a census which is easy to complete, yet provides much-needed information about Chickasaw citizens of all ages.

Because a successful census depends on the cooperation of each and every citizen, census officials make this request:

"Please take a few minutes to complete and return the census, because we need your help to improve the lives of the citizens of the great Chickasaw Nation!"

For information or to request census forms, call (580) 421-7711.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Incentives offered for completing census form

More than $5,000 reasons to complete your forms

Because it is so important that each and every citizen is counted in this census, special incentives are being offered to everyone who completes a form.

- Each person who returns a census will be entered in a special drawing for the chance to win up to $5,000.

Prize awards include:

- 1 - $5,000 award
- 2 - $2,500 awards
- 5- $1,000 awards
- 10 - $500 awards
- 20 - $250 awards

Other incentives in addition to the cash prizes are also being offered.

- Each of the first 125 people to return forms from the Chickasaw service area will receive a special commemorative pen with the Chickasaw Seal.
- Each of the first 125 people to return forms from the Western, Midwestern and Eastern regions of the United States will also receive special commemorative pens.
- Each person who completes a census form will receive a sports tote with Chickasaw census logo.
- Each person who completes a census at the Annual Meeting or Cultural Evening during the Chickasaw Festival will receive a T-shirt and sports tote with the Chickasaw Census logo.

For information or to request census forms, call (580) 421-7711.

Sample 2005 Chickasaw Census form

Chickasaw CENSUS 2005

Please take a few minutes to complete and return the Chickasaw Census 2005.
We need your help to improve the lives of the people of the great Chickasaw Nation!

Please answer the following questions for each person living in this house, apartment, or mobile home.
Start with yourself - we will refer to you as Person #1.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home as of August 1, 2005?

_____ Number of People

INCLUDE in this number:
- √ foster children, roomers, or housemates
- √ people staying here as of August 1, 2005 who have no other permanent place to stay
- √ people living here most of the time while working even if they have another place to live

DO NOT INCLUDE:
- √ people who live or stay at another place most of the time.

2. What is your name (Last, First, MI and Maiden)?

3. Please provide your telephone number. We may need to call you if we have a question about your answers.

(Area Code) Telephone Number

4. If you use e-mail on a regular basis, please provide us with your e-mail address. We will **not** sell our e-mail list to other parties.

(E-mail address)

5. What is your date of birth? _____/_____/_____

6. In addition to being Chickasaw, please check any other races that apply to you:
___ Caucasian
___ African American
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IF NOT RELATED to you:
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___Unmarried partner
___Foster child
___Other nonrelative

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16. What is Person 3's date of birth? _____/_____/_____

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___Stepson/stepdaughter
___Brother/sister
___Father/mother
___Grandchild
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___Son-in-law/daughter-in-law
___Grandparent
___Other relative, please print exact relationship:

IF NOT RELATED to you:
___Roomer, boarder
___Housemate, roommate
___Unmarried partner
___Foster child
___Other nonrelative

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21. What is Person 4's date of birth? _____/_____/_____

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___Caucasian
___African American
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___Grandparent
___Other relative, please print exact relationship:

IF NOT RELATED to you:
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___Housemate, roommate
___Unmarried partner
___Foster child
___Other nonrelative

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26. What is Person 5's date of birth? _____/_____/_____

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Permanent Address: _____

Please return the Chickasaw Census 2005 by October 18, 2005 to: The Chickasaw Nation, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821

Election results, continued from page 1

Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Eldred will remain on the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court, as she won more than 67 percent of the vote to defeat Wilma Pauline (Stout) Watson.

Ballots for the Pontotoc District runoff election will be mailed August 29, and counted Sept. 20, 2005.

Winning candidates will be sworn into office 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3 in the large conference room of Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

For information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475 or (888) 661-0137.

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Election results at a glance

August 16, 2005

Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Candidate	# of Votes	% of Votes
Melvin Burris	1149	40.25%
Toby Perkins	697	24.41%
Rodney Brown	233	8.16%
Mooniene Perry Ogee	776	27.18%

Pontotoc District, Seat 4

Dean McManus	2004	70.79%
Heath Allison	827	29.21%

Pickens District, Seat 2

Donna Hartman	983	49.20%
Mitch Sperry	1015	50.80%

Tishomingo District, Seat 3

Steven E. Woods	871	62.39%
Joe R. Orr	525	37.61%

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court, Seat 3

Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Eldred	4364	67.17%

Chickasaw language classes under way across Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaw language classes began August 15 Purcell, August 16 in Ada and August 22 in Tishomingo.

Teaching teams, each consisting of a fluent speaker and a facilitator, are leading the weekly classes for 10 weeks.

Two sections are being conducted in Ada. Classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, both in the Chickasaw Nation human resources building located behind the headquarters building, 520 East Arlington.

Tishomingo classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 1101 W. Ray Branum Rd.

Purcell classes are from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays at the Chickasaw Nation Purcell Area Office, 1603 S. Green Ave.

Teachers will utilize a variety of teaching methods designed to motivate students and make classes more interesting.

While classes will vary from community to community, each will include aspects of Chickasaw culture, heritage and history as well as Chickasaw language.

Those with some knowledge of the Chickasaw language are strongly encouraged to attend these classes, which will focus on improving proficiency in the language.

Anyone with an interest in learning Chickasaw, however, is welcome and will benefit from the classes.

For information, or to sign up for classes, contact Terri Haney at (580) 332-8478.

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LPD traffic stop leads to discovery of illegal drugs, $147,000 cash

ADA, Okla. - A recent traffic stop by Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police K-9 officer Steve Cash led to an arrest for cocaine possession with intent to distribute, resisting arrest and destruction of evidence.

Information obtained following that arrest initiated a joint investigation between Lighthorse Police and the District 22 Drug Task Force resulting in the seizure of $147,000.

"We have been working very closely with the drug task force on a number of investigations, and this incident is only one example of the success we are having," said Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal.

Officer Cash stopped a vehicle on West Main after noticing the driver was not wearing a seat belt. When the driver was unable to produce a drivers' license after the stop, officer Cash asked permission to search the vehicle.

Officer Cash discovered a half-full beer bottle in the vehicle and attempted to arrest the driver, who offered some resistance.

After a struggle, the driver pulled a green pharmacy bottle from his pocket, emptied out six rock-like objects and attempted to grind them into the pavement.

Officer Cash recovered some of the substance which subsequently tested positive for cocaine.

Further investigation resulted in a second traffic stop by drug task force agents. Those agents requested assistance from officer Cash and K-9 Kaya, who alerted on the vehicle.

The driver admitted to smoking marijuana in the vehicle shortly prior to the traffic stop.

A search of that vehicle turned up $147,000 in suspected stolen currency in a shoe box.

Charges related to the seizure of the currency are pending as the investigation continues.

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Dream of owning your own home?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market Conventional Loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The CNDHTD can assist you with down payment and closing costs. Qualified borrowers invest as little as $500.00. We offer expanded underwriting guidelines that allow those with less than perfect credit to be approved. There are no income guidelines. Maximum loan amount is $359,650.00 and the minimum is $10,000. In addition we can assist with refinancing for homeowners who want to lower their interest rates and or payments.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building your own home? If you have been approved for your 30 year financing, Housing Counseling & Loan Services can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. This program is open to Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate on the construction loan is only 5%, the term is 6 months and be prepared to make interest payments on the construction loan during construction. Please call us for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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Birthdays

Aubri Brauning

Aubri Lynn Brauning turned three years old, July 21, 2005. She celebrated with a birthday party, Sunday, July 24 at Mekusukey Mission, Seminole, Okla., with her family.

She is the daughter of Justin Brauning and Amber Coon, Seminole.

She is the granddaughter of Jim and Kay Leader Brauning, Bowlegs, Okla., and Jimmy and Susan Harjo, Seminole.

She is the great-granddaughter of Helen Clifford Leader and the late Charley "Sonny" Leader, Bowlegs, and Wayne and Nelmon Brauning, Seminole.

Aubri Lynn is the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Lois Goer Clifford, Ada.

Danya Impson

Danya Hope Impson turned two years old August 29, 2005.

Danya celebrated with family and friends with a JoJo's Circus birthday party at Wintersmith Park in Ada, Okla.

She is the daughter of John and Lisa Impson, Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Quanah and Sherry Nail, Tucson, Ariz., and Gwendolyn Impson, McAlester, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Joe and Ruth Frazier of Tishomingo, Okla, Benjamin Nail and the late Fern Nail of Ada, the late Robert and Emma Fisher of McAlester, and the late Thomas and Marie Willie.

Zoey Ivey

Zoey Katana Ivey celebrated her first birthday July 28, 2005 at the home of her great-grandmother, Lura Helen Mullican.

Hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings and a birthday cake was cooked and served by her Dad, Adam Ivey, to 19 family members and friends.

Among those attending were her grandma Jan, Uncle Ben and Aunt Cortnee Ivey and children and Aunt Cheryl Hassell.

Zoey is a descendant of original enrollee Rosa Melton Hodges.

Daniel (Little Bear) and Caitlyn (Dot) Hamilton celebrated their second birthdays July 27, 2005 with a pizza party at Wintersmith Park, Ada, Okla. The theme of the party was Spongebob Squarepants and Dora the Explorer.

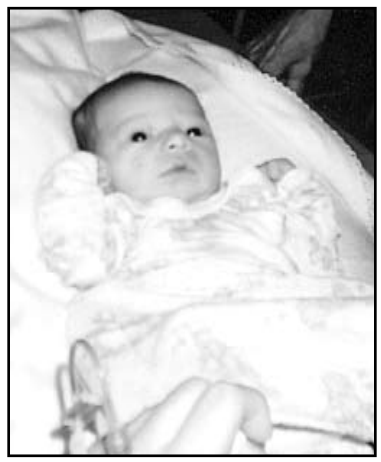
They are the children of Hershel and Michelle Hamilton of Bowlegs, Okla.

They are the grandchildren of Tom and Marval Hamilton, Stonewall, Okla. and Debbie Johnson, Lawton, Okla.

They are the great-grandchildren of Alice and Robert Kernal, Bowlegs.

They share their birthdays with their Uncle Chub.

Births



Eleanora Prahl

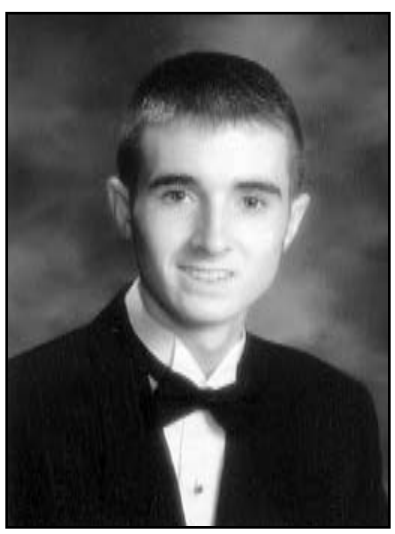
Michelle and Dayvid Prahl announce the birth of a daughter, Eleanora "Nora" Jayne Prahl, at 1:38 p.m. on July 25, 2005 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence, Kansas.

She weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measured 20 inches.

She is the granddaughter of Cheryl and Darin Hassell of Ada, Okla., and Sharol and Michel Prahl of Baldwin City, Kan. She is the great-granddaughter of Lura Helen Mullican and the late O.V. Mullican, Ada, and Donnie and Diana Hassell of Claremore, Okla.

She is a descendant of original enrollee Rosa Melton Hodges.

Eric LaPrade



Eric Tyler LaPrade is a 2005 graduate of Elizabethtown High School, Elizabethtown, Ky. He is the son of Guy and Elanie LaPrade. He is the grandson of Barbara LaPrade and the late Bennie LaPrade and Dean Little and the late Billy Little. He is the great-grandson of W.W. Perkins, Jr., an original enrollee.

Eric is an honor graduate. He played basketball during his four years at Elizabethtown High School and was a member of the 2005 5th Region Champion basketball team. He was a member of the track team his junior and senior years, participating in high jump, long jump and triple jump. He was KHSAA Academic All-State Honorable Mention his junior and senior years.

Eric will attend the J.B. Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville.

Chickasaw Nation rep to be in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha September19 to answer questions about tribal programs.

To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, Community Health Representatives or other programs visit Bettie Black at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club, 1501 Henderson, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will available for questions at the Chickasha Boys & Girls Club the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw marathoners

Dustin and Nicole Rowe of Tishomingo, Okla., competed in the San Francisco Marathon, July 31, 2005. They completed the 26.2 mile course in 4 hours and 38 minutes. Mr. Rowe serves as a court advocate with the Chickasaw Nation District Court.

'Now I know what I'm supposed to do with my life'

Composition workshop allows Chickasaw musicians to soar

Chickasaw pianist and composer Wyas Parker at the piano.

When 17-year-old Wyas Parker heard about the music composition workshop section of the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, he knew right away it was something he wanted to do.

"My dad brought it up to me and I thought 'okay, I need to do this,' Wyas said.

By the time the week was over, he had completed two musical compositions which evoked a strong emotional response from many of those who attended the academy finale.

"His music brought tears to my eyes," said Arts in Education director Laura Morrision.

Wyas' time in the workshop also helped him solidify a vague desire to pursue a career in music into a more definite decision to become a composer.

"Now I know what I'm supposed to do with my life," Wyas said after his music was performed for the first time before a live audience.

One of the compositions, *Past the Sun*, was a work in progress when he started the workshop.

Feeling sure he would be inspired to write a song during a trip to Colorado, Wyas was somewhat disappointed when nothing out of the ordinary had happened on the trip.

A stop at his grandfather's home before returning to Oklahoma, however, provided the spark he was searching for.

He discovered that his grandfather is also a songwriter. And the words to a song he had written, *Past the Sun* provided the inspiration for Wyas' composition by the same name.

Jerod Tate, a Chickasaw with a very successful career as a classical composer who incorporates Indian music into all his work, served as composer-in-residence at the arts academy.

"Wyas Parker is exceptionally talented," said Tate. "And it's obvious his route is very classical – and of course I'm biased because that's what I do.

"He's a very quick writer. He knows a lot of styles of music, and he's just very attracted to the classical route.

"His skill level of composing is really, really good. He hasn't actually been doing it that long, but it's obvious it's all there. I have a feeling once he hits school that he's going to cranking out repertoire like crazy.

"I told his mom, Judy, 'He's got it.' I said 'call me and I'll do everything I can to help.'"

Wyas has been taking piano lessons for about 10 years, and has been composing off and on for about two years. He has "written" about seven compositions, although some of those are not yet down on paper.

Wyas described the opportunity to work with Tate as exciting and inspiring, and strongly encourages anyone interested in music composition to participate in the academy.

"It's hard to realize what an opportunity it is," Wyas said. "I was really sad when it was over, because I wanted to keep writing different things and seeing what it sounded like on a string quartet. That's what I wanted to keep doing, but they were gone after that week."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Mason Cole

Mason Cole is a 2005 graduate with a bachelor's degree of arts from Boston College. He is the son of U.S. Rep. Tom and Ellen Cole, Moore, Okla. He is the grandson of the late John D. and Helen Cole, Sr.

He majored in history and philosophy and minored in American studies. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

He has been hired by Mississippi Teacher Corps for a two year commitment to teach English at a high school in Shelby, Miss.

Youth invited to Fall Retreat at Gerty

Native American youth ages 13 to 20 are invited to attend the annual Chickasaw Nation Fall Retreat Oct. 19 through 21 at Camp WOW in Gerty, Oklahoma. Deadline to apply for the free retreat is September 21.

The goal of the retreat is for youth to learn more about their culture and tribal government, to make a positive difference among young people, improve leadership skills and meet other youth.

The retreat focuses on leadership, teambuilding, life-skill development, personal finances and academic achievement and offers an introduction into tribal government. Youth have the opportunity to declare a candidacy for a Chickasaw Nation Youth Council position and conduct and election campaign for the council.

For more information or to pick up an application, contact the Youth Services Department at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada or call (580) 310-6620.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw kids enjoy day with pro pitchers

Memphis Redbirds pitcher Chris Gissell, Blake Havern and Memphis Redbirds pitcher Adam Wainwright.

Logan Havern and Memphis Redbirds pictcher Chris Gissell.

Justin Havern watches as Memphis Redbirds pitcher Chris Gisseell signs an autograph.

Justin, Logan and Blake Havern joined Chris Gissell and Adam Wainwright, pitchers for the Memphis Redbirds, for lunch and storytime at the Outback Restaurant in Memphis, Tenn. on August 13, 2005. The Memphis Redbirds are a Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Redbirds invited 20 lucky members of Rocky's Fan Club to join Redbirds pitchers by sending emails to the fan club members. The first 20 to respond were invited to the lunch.

Justin, Logan and Blake Havern are the great-great-great-grandsons of Chickasaw Governor of Cyrus Harris. The Havern family lives in Tennessee.

Armstrong named to National Society of High School Scholars

Whitney Armstrong

ATLANTA - The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) has announced that Madill (OK) High School student Whitney R. Armstrong has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Whitney has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence,"said Mr. Nobel. "Whitney is now a member of a unique community of scholars-a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Whitney build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

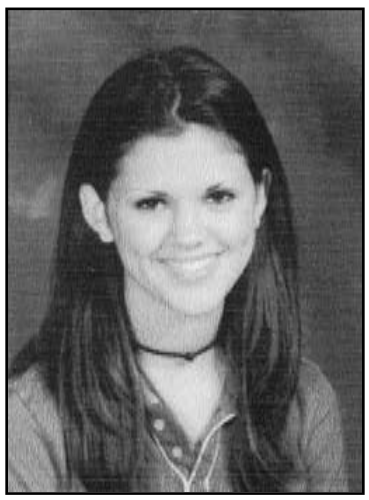
Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, NSHSS recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.

For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

Whitney is the great-great-granddaughter of Eastman Burris, an original allotee. She is the daughter of Kent and Brenda Armstrong, the granddaughter of Joyce Armstrong and the late Glen Armstrong, and Benny and Betty Earley, and the great-granddaughter of Juanita Qualls and the late Clayton Armstrong.

Chickasaw student honored by USAA



Jennifer Roeser

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Jennifer Roeser from Santa Fe, Texas has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

Jennifer, who attends Santa Fe High School, was nominated for this national award by Barbara Orsak, a teacher at the school.

Jennifer, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsor's and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interests and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Jennifer is the daughter of Jimmy and Cathy Roeser, of Santa Fe. The grandparents are Billie Troutt and the late Ernest Troutt of Richardson, Texas, and Kay Roeser and the late John Roeser of Dickinson, Texas.

Chickasaw History Quiz
20th Century Issue

By Richard Green

1. After Douglas Johnston died in 1939, which one of these men did not try to succeed him as governor of the Chickasaw Nation?

A. Douglas Johnston, Jr.
B. Jess Humes
C. Haskell Paul
D. E. B. Maytubby

2. The main reason four-term Congressman Charles Carter, a Chickasaw citizen, was defeated for reelection in 1926:

A. He was unable to obtain payment from the federal government for Chickasaw and Choctaw land claims
B. He suffered a heart attack
C. The winner, Wilburn Cartwright, campaigned against Carter's position of extending by 16 years the tax-exempt status of the homesteads of allotments of the Five Civilized Tribes.
D. He was simultaneously serving as superintendent of the Carter Seminary in Ardmore.

3. The Oklahoma representative who asked Congressman Carl Albert in 1961 to introduce a resolution requesting the BIA to allow the Chickasaws to hold their own free elections:

A. George Nigh
B. Gene Stipe
C. Kenneth Converse
D. John Crow

4. Which of these was not a factor in Gov. Douglas Johnston's 1904 reelection:

A. A chartered train, running from Chickasha to Madill delivered Johnston partisans to the polls.
B. The graduates of Bloomfield Academy, where Johnston had been superintendent, turned out the vote.
C. The supporters of his opponent, Richard McLish, didn't vote.
D. Johnston was supported by the federal government.

*See **Answers,** page 35*

Thank you Chickasaw voters

"I am humbled and honored to have been re-elected to Seat 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch, Supreme Court Justice. It has been great privilege to serve each of you by working with the Executive and Legislative Branches to establish a Tribal Court system that will preserve our Constitution and Code in the manner that honors our forefathers and serves the Chickasaw citizens of today. Yakni Moma Alphisa – Justice For A Nation "

Thank you Chickasaw voters

I would like to thank the Chickasaw voters that supported me on August 16, 2005. I am now involved in a run-off election. Once again I call on my friends for their vote and support.

The ballots for the run-off election will be mailed on Monday, August 29. I am humbly asking for your vote and support in this election.

It was so sad to hear that around 200 ballots could not be counted because the outside envelope was improperly signed or not signed at all. Please pay attention to this important detail and make your vote count.

Sincerely,
Mooniene Perry Ogee

Mooniene Perry Ogee

Jerod Tate, Chickasaw composer with a vision

Jerod Tate

Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, a Chickasaw who incorporates his heritage and culture into his classical music compositions, "has a lot of irons in the fire," as he puts it.

That seems to be something of an understatement.

Between his time as composer-in-residence at the recent Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and the Grand Canyon Music Festival's Native American Music Apprentice program, he is preparing for a Sept 21 Kennedy Center premier of one of his compositions,

Iholba.

"Iholba is the word for a vision of something – it's like an image that you see," said Tate. "To me, it's called the vision."

A score he composed for "A Seat at the Drum," part of the Public Broadcasting Service documentary series "Native Americans in the 21st Century," is scheduled to air this fall.

Tate is also working to have

Tracing Mississippi, a flute concerto commissioned by soloist Christine Bailey, and *Iholba* recorded by the London Symphony.

If that were not enough, Tate has also been commissioned to compose a work for the opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in 2007.

Tate came by his musical abilities quite naturally.

His father, Charles, is a classically-trained pianist and vocalist, while his mother, Patricia, is a professor of dance and a choreographer.

"My dad was a phenomenal pianist and vocalist," said Tate. "To this day he still performs vocally, which is really nice. He is the one who got me started on the piano.

"When I was eight years old he got me going and I started taking off and it was really clear to me that I wanted to be a musician."

After earning his bachelor's degree in piano performance, his career took another turn after his mother commissioned him to compose the music for an original ballet based on American Indian music from the northern plains and Rocky Mountains.

"That just completely blasted open a whole new door for me in composition and I knew right away that I wanted compose and I wanted to compose as an Indian composer," said Tate. "That was really important to take that specific path."

"I had decided that I wanted everything that I do as a composer to be related to either my tribe or other Indian tribes.

"So I've used tunes and stories and different pieces – that kind of thing. Everything I've done has been based on Indian material.

While he had not learned the Chickasaw language or heard much traditional music as a child, he made it a high priority to learn, and turned to his father for help.

"I called dad and said 'where are our songs?'"

His father went to the most original source he could find, albums of traditional songs recorded by the Chickasaw-Choctaw Heritage Committee in the 1970s.

He also learned what language he could from his grandmother, Juanita Tate, and began using all the resources he could find, including Chickasaw language tapes and the "Chickasaw Talking Dictionary" CD.

One of his motives for learning Chickasaw was the desire to incorporate the language into a classical music composition.

Years of work culminated in *Iholba*, a composition for solo flutist, strings, woodwinds and chorus, which will premier 6 p.m. Sept. 21 on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

"I really wanted to seize this opportunity and put the Chickasaw language out there into the classical world," said Tate. "But here I am – I know very little of the language – so what I did was I composed the poetry myself. I wrote out the poetry. And then I got our dictionaries and started piecing together what I could."

Knowing that would not be sufficient, he decided to visit his cousin, Onita Carnes, a fluent speaker who lives in Madill, Okla.

Since poetry doesn't always follow the rules of grammar and deals with abstract ideas, trying to translate verse written in the English language into Chickasaw was a difficult task, to say the least.

"I wrote out the text and we were looking at it and she would look at me and go 'well, you wouldn't say things like that.'

"I would say 'I know, I know that.' So I said 'think of yourself as a Chickasaw poet. How would you say that?'"

Onita rose to the task, providing Chickasaw verse for the composition.

"For Onita it was just a very new experience. But she was wonderful about it. She just did a wonderful job," said Tate. "It was a blast. It was a tall order, but I just loved it, it was so much fun."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Classical, Indian music mix catching on

From the moment his mother asked him to compose a ballet based on American Indian music from the northern plains and Rocky Mountains, Jerod Tate has focused on blending Indian and classical styles of music.

That focus has not always been well received.

"I've had mixed reactions," said Tate. "From Indians there's no problem. The classical part is a new word to Indian Country. There are not that many classical Indian composers. So, it's a little bit different than what Indians expect of their own Indian composers. But, Indians are pretty flexible about stuff in general.

"But, the classical world – like I said – it's just been really mixed. I've had some very, very positive feedback. And I've also had some very negative feedback. And the negative feedback has never been about the quality of my music.

"It's been about the idea."

Many of those in the classical world view any mixture of ethnic and contemporary music as pop music.

"That's what people think of when I say I'm an Indian composer," said Tate. "From a classical artist's point of view they're (thinking) 'oh well, he's just a pop composer.' Or, 'watch out, because that's where you're headed.' They kind of give me that look like 'what does that mean?'"

Tate finds this somewhat surprising, because there is a long history of European composers incorporating folk music into their compositions.

"In the 1700s and 1800s there became a real strong movement in which the composers from specific countries were beginning to incorporate their own folk music into symphonies, into chamber work, this kind of thing," said Tate. And it culminated very strongly with composers like Bartok and Stravinsky.

"Composers were actually being encouraged to incorporate their own traditional music into classical music," he added. So, those guys did it. To be honest with you, that's what I'm trying to do with Indian music."

While in some ways Tate is among a handful of modern composers breaking new ground by incorporating Indian musical into classical compositions, he wanted to make clear that they are by no means the first to do so.

"I've got to credit the granddad, Louis Ballard," said Tate. "Louis Ballard is a Cherokee-Quapaw from Oklahoma. He went to OU and he was composing Indian music before I was born.

"Louis Ballard is like the absolute first Indian classical composer in this country. I discovered him later, like a lot of us did, actually."

Ballard composed the

Four Moons Ballet while he was a student at the University of Oklahoma. It featured four of Oklahoma's five world renowned Indian ballerinas,

Yvonne Chouteau, Rosella Hightower, Moscelyne Larkin and Marjorie Tallchief, who were attending the university at the same time as Ballard.

"That was serious historic stuff going on there, said Tate.

"You had all these classically trained Indian ballerinas and you had this classically-trained Indian composer and boom! But it seems like after that, nobody followed Louis for another 20 years. Nobody came on the scene.

"So, now we've got a handful who are going. But Louis is really the master. It was like he broke ground so early it was almost too early for people to grab it."

Decades later, many are beginning to.

Plans are currently in the works to have two of Tate's compositions recorded by the London Symphony under the direction of Joann Falletta.

The New York Times has praised Falletta as "one of the finest conductors of her generation." To have Falletta ad the London Symphony agree to be involved in the project is a great indication that Tate's music has earned respect from his peers.

Tracing Mississippi, a flute concerto commissioned by Christine Bailey, premiered in March 2002 at the Buffalo Philharmonic.

Iholba, a composition for solo flutist, strings, woodwinds and chorus, will premiere 6 p.m. Sept. 21 on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Growth of tribe leads to health benefits, new program initiatives

Submitted by Robert Perry for the Council of Elders

COUNCIL OF ELDERS MEETS JULY 2005 WITH LEGISLATORS by Robert Perry Council of Elders (COE) met July 21 at the Chickasaw Motor Lodge in Sulphur. Responding to a challenge for COE to work out ways to help other Chickasaw people, Chickasaw legislators were invited to this meeting. Scott Colbert, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs, and Wanda Scott attended. Mr. Colbert presented a slide show on the workings of the tribal legislature. In the open discussion, we learned that the best time for a citizen to bring up a problem with legislators is in their committee meetings. Most often, citizens come to the regular legislature meeting wanting action, but can't speak until the session ends. This special meeting with tribal legislators was like a committee session. For example, we learned:

• The tribal budget is big: $150 million, but the casinos have big expenses. The tribe must compete with other casino tribes. About 15,000 people a day are coming after hearing how winners take home $50,000.

• As a result of gaming our tribe has some Chickasaw-only health benefits: eyeglasses every two years and legislators are mulling free dental work, even cosmetic work. Our tribe has no minimum blood quantum to get full health benefits. Minimum blood quantum comes into play in some tribes that give per capita payments; e.g. some are left out.

• A health survey found that elders prefer to be independent as long as possible and that going to a nursing home has low priority. Legislators are looking at ways to subsidize income for various age groups to help elders remain at home. We noted that nursing homes don't have translators, but Carl Albert Hospital does. In answer to an earlier COE request for a chapel at Carl Albert hospital to help families through crises, this will be done in the near future.

• Legislators urged Chickasaws to fill out application forms for education needs. One person has been sent to Farrier school and beginning this fall, working adults can earn a GED degree in evening classes.

• COE has taken beadwork classes. COE asked for a place where others could learn beadwork; plans are in the mill. But even if everyone was trained, we have seen a new problem. The casino gift shops sell imported "Indian"souvenirs without offering real Chickasaw choices. The objection is the Chickasaw artist has no exposure to 15,000 people every day. COE contends that native artists need help to sell their products at prices high enough to give up the day job. The discussion suggested a need for a business to sell Chickasaw traditional art.

• There were success stories: Bob Perry told that a legislator got a third exit built in his mother's 1975 Chickasaw home. Also, a legislator helped COE attend the NMAI opening last year, even though we saw no Chickasaw artifacts. The curator told Linda Briggs that NMAI devotes two display rooms to the Five Civilized Tribes and tribal exhibits rotate every two years. Expect Chickasaw objects exhibiting next year.

Mr. Kirk Perry brought excerpts from The Transformation of the Southeastern Indian: 1540-1760, a 2002 collection of essays. It was mentioned that we liked reading from anthropologist Patricia Galloway. The current reading included another Galloway essay, where she alone takes the Indian viewpoint. She found scholars scurrying to verify historical connections…migration legends for the old Southeastern tribes to decide the fate of archaeological collections under NAGPRA…at a time when native peoples are contesting the right of academics to assert authoritative claims. Earlier, Galloway believed the Chickasaw migration story was too recent to be taken seriously, but her fresher view is support for native oral tradition: "Although much maligned until recently, [other works] have shown that purely oral tradition, never once written down until modern times, can preserve quite accurately facts about the past, facts that…sometimes can supply meaning for objects older than one thousand years old (page 229).

Action: There are two Chickasaw language reference dictionaries, one written by Dr. Pamela Munro and one by Humes. We all knew Mrs. Humes and her book is more user-friendly. There are some Choctaw words, but work is underway to replace with Chickasaw words. COE agreed to recommend the Humes dictionary as the preferred resource. Last year, the multimedia department presented COE with creative art by James Blackburn that hangs in the Division of Historical Preservation office. Mr. Kirk Perry handed out framed photographs of these mementos to each COE member. Retired member Ms. Juanita Tate received this gift. In answer to an earlier COE request, Mr. Perry reported that the 2005 Chickasaw Princesses were given blue blazers with the Chickasaw seal before the group left for an event in Gallup, NM.

Next COE Meeting: 10 AM August 18th, Chickasaw Motor Lodge, Sulphur.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program

Achille Class
Youth and Family Center Achille
303 West Main
Tuesday
5:30-6:15- Little warriors 6 & Under
6:30-7:30-Kid's Class Ages 7-15
8-9- Adult Class
Thursday
5:30-6:15- Little warriors 6 & Under
6:30-7:30-Kid's Class Ages 7-15
8-9- Adult Class

Tishomingo Class
Chickasaw Nation Community Center
1203 W. Ray Branum Rd.
Tuesday
6:30-7:30- Kid's Class
8-9- Adult Class
Thursday
6:30-7:30- Kid's Class
8-9- Adult Class

Ada Class
Chickasaw Family Life Center
229 Seabrook
Monday
5:30-6:15- Little Warriors 6 & Under
5:30-6:15- Aerobic Kickboxing
6:30-7:30-Kid's Class Ages 7-15
8-9- Adult Class
Thursday
5:30-6:15- Little Warriors 6 & Under
5:30-6:15- Aerobic Kickboxing
6:30-7:30-Kid's Class Ages 7-15
8-9- Adult Class

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Ardmore Class
Carter Seminary
2400 Chickasaw Blvd.
Monday
6:30-7:30-Kid's Class
8-9- Adult Class
Thursday
6:30-7:30-Kid's Class
8-9- Adult Class

Purcell Class
Youth and Family Center Purcell
1803 S. Green Ave.
Monday
6:30-7:30- Kid's Class
8-9- Adult Class
Thursday
6:30-7:30- Kid's Class
8-9- Adult Class

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

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Tribal martial arts director honored by Hall of Fame

Tribal martial arts director Matt Clark was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Oklahoma Master Instructor of the Year.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Director Matt Clark was recently inducted into the United States Martial Arts Association National Hall of Fame as Oklahoma Master Instructor of the Year during ceremonies in St. Peters, Missouri.

As director of the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program, Clark oversees classes in five locations that serve more than 1,000 students.

While Clark is honored to receive the recognition, he is more interested in helping his students achieve success.

"I think last year we had 23 state champions and 11 world champions come out of the programs," said Clark. "We were team champions at the 2003 World Karate Championships."

Success, however, is measured in more important ways other than the number of trophies students receive.

Clark quickly cited several examples of students who have been positively impacted by the martial arts.

"I've got one guy who is in the little warriors program who has multiple sclerosis," said Clark. "When he first came to me his left hand was drawn up and now that little guy can climb those ropes using both hands, where before he would not use that left hand."

Another student has been able to reduce the amount of medication required to control Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Many students who might not stay involved in team sports find martial arts training gives them a place to improve their health and fitness level because they can move forward at their own pace.

"Nobody sits on the bench in the martial arts," said Clark.

For those who do participate in team sports, martial arts training can be a way to enhance performance.

"I tell people, if you want to play soccer, I can teach you how to kick. If you want to play baseball, throwing a baseball in line to a certain part is no different from throwing a punch – it's focus and direction. I can teach them stances for football. Martial arts training can enhance performance in any sport."

He gave the example of a young lady from Latta who took jiu-jitsu.

"I taught her how to fall in different circumstances and how to get right back up," said Clark. "She was playing a basketball game heading toward a winning basket when a girl on the other team purposely tripped her. She did the best jiu-jitsu roll you've ever seen in your life and got right back up, never missed a beat made the basket. She never realized what she had done."

Perhaps most surprising to some is the example of one student who has been able to stay out of fights because of his involvement in martial arts.

Prior to his involvement in the program he had been in trouble at a number of schools for fighting and had to change schools several times.

"He started the program two years ago and has actually stayed in the same school system, because he's realizing now that when he fights all that happens is that he gets in trouble for it," said Clark. "Now he has a place where he can come and spar and punch the bags and release a little energy and not take it to school.

"Now he understands that God gave him two feet so he can walk away from those situations."

Helping people understand that martial [illegible] fighting is a constant struggle for Clark.

"I can take two- three-year-old kids and throw a piece of candy out there in the middle floor and they'll show you every technique a black belt ever wished they knew just to get that piece of candy," he said. "My goal is to take kids and teach them not to do that."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program director Matt Clark awarded belts Thursday, August 11 to Purcell students who passed a recent belt test. Front row, from left, are Katy Shackleford (yellow belt), Dale Shackleford (yellow belt), Dalton Skinner (yellow belt), Piper Phillips (yellow belt), insturctor Matt Clark, Brea Schultz (Eagle certificate of accomplishment), Brock Hottel (yellow belt with stripe), Cade Skinner (Eagle certificate of accomplishment). Second row are Tommy Paul, Corey Paul, Perry Hottel (orange belt), Brooke Shackleford (yellow belt with stripe), Amanda Shackleford (yellow belt), Skye Shackleford (yellow belt), Dakota Skinner (yellow belt with stripe), Breanna Schultz (orange belt), Adam Whitney and Ronald Schultz.

Purcell class member who took part in the August 6 Unified Martial Arts Tournament at the University of Central Oklahoma brought home several trophies. Brock Hottel won first in forms and second in fighting. Perry Hottel won first in fighting. Connie Skinner won first in formas and first in fighting. Greg Skinner won first in fighting and second in forms. Dakota Skinner placed fifth in forms. Colton Skinner (not pictured) placed fourth in forms. Front row, from left, Brock Hottel, Dakota Skinner and Connie Skinner. Back row from left, Perry Hottel, instructor Matt Clark and Greg Skinner.

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Boden, Webb marry in Fort Worth ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Webb

Bryan C. Webb and Courtnie L. Boden were united in holy matrimony in a Victorian style wedding July 4, 2005 at the YWCA in Ft. Worth, Texas by the Rev. Dan Wright.

Serving as best man was Robert McGowan, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Jeremy Webb, Brad Nutty, Cory Boden and Nathan Webb. Serving as maid of honor was Cara Boden, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Lacey Toups, Devan Carroll, Kim Bowen and Linda Harper. Flower girl was Aubrie Lancin. Ring bearer was Tyler Bowen. Sarah Wong, friend of the bride served as an Attendant. Ushers were Ron Blocker and Shane Wong. Music was provided by Mike Brown and Cara Boden singing "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless The Broken Road."

A reception was hosted in the upstairs ballroom after the ceremony. The bride and groom were showered with rose petals upon departure, then were whisked away in a white horse and carriage. The couple honeymooned in Louisiana.

Bryan is the son of Anthony and Susan Webb, of Tishomingo, Okla. He is an Airman First Class in the U.S. Air Force based out of Tinker Air Force Base and will be completing his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma. Courtnie is the daughter of Rusty and Carrie Boden, of Arlington, Texas. Courtnie will continue her studies at Oklahoma City Community College majoring in English. The couple will make their home in Norman, Oklahoma.

Club kids attend Camp Hercules

Shaunte Hopgood

Destin Franks

In June, two lucky Boys & Girls Club members, Shaunte Hopgood and Destin Franks, along with Club leaders William Briggs, Jr. and Barbara Wilson from the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs of Chickasha and Sulphur, Okla., spent three days at Camp Hercules in Mystic, Connecticut. They joined 20 Boys & Girls Clubs from across the nation where youth and staff participated in many fun and educational activities.

The camp's theme was based on famous oceanographer Dr. Robert Ballard's, July expedition to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where he explored the unique underwater system of hydrothermal vents. Dr. Ballard is dedicated to exposing youth to the excitement of exploration and science and the camp was designed to do just that.

Camp Hercules, named after Ballard's high tech Remotely Operated Vehicle, was just one aspect of the Clubs' participation in a new science-based after school program, *Immersion Presents*. With funding from the U.S. Department of Justice and Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Boys & Girls Clubs of America has provided grants to 20 local Boys & Girls Club organizations as part of their Clubs' Crime Prevention Initiative.

Club members and leaders explored the Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration, including a special Beluga whale presentation; boarded the *Argia* schooner for an educational cruise down the Long Island Sound; discovered underwater life at Esker Point Beach; viewed the many exhibits at the Mystic Seaport; and even had a private showing of *Aliens of the Deep* – a Walt Disney documentary based on the discovery of hydrothermal vents.

Camp Hercules was three days packed with adventure, fun, new information and the opportunity to meet other Club members and leaders from all across the nation. This summer, the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs of Chickasha and Sulphur will be introducing a new science program called *Life at the Extremes*, based on Ballard's exploration of hydrothermal vents which features new advanced technology.

Shaunte Hopgood described her camp experience as fun and she enjoyed meeting other members from different clubs and Destin Franks says that Camp Hercules was exciting as that he enjoyed the aquarium and sailing.

To learn more about the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club and the science program contact William Briggs, Jr., Chickasha Unit Manager, at (405) 224-2661 or Sulphur Audrey Davis, Sulphur Unit Manager, at (580) 622-8302.

Ada Chickasaw Community Council hears fire safety report

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council met during its August 18 meeting at the Marie Bailey Community Center. President Cheryl Hassell announced that due to health issues, Board Member at Large Mary Ahtone has resigned from her position. Mrs. Hassell asked for everyone to please pray for her recovery.

Mary Jo Green donated a set of earrings and matching broach as a door prize that was won by fellow Tribal Legislator Dean McManus. Mrs. Green also donated two additional sets of jewelry to be raffled at the next Community Council meeting. Raffle tickets are 50 cents a piece with the funds used to purchase disposable plates and cups for the meal.

We were honored to have Chickasaw Nation Fire Marshall Donnie Moore discuss the importance of home fire safety. Mr. Moore answered questions from Council members regarding smoke detector placement, detector testing, and the importance of evacuation planning for children and our elders.

Council members enjoyed a potluck dinner following the meeting.

Please come and be a part of our next Community Council meeting September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Marie Bailey Community Center.

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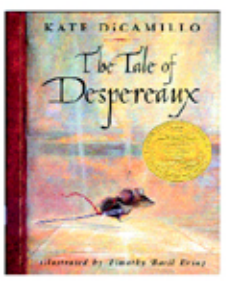

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Tribal summer camps keep Chickasaw kids going strong

Hundreds of children were able to take part in one of several outstanding Chickasaw Nation Youth Summer Camps offered in June and July. Campers from across Oklahoma and the United States chose from a broad array of interests and locations.

Camps offered throughout the summer included: Basketball, Tennis, Softball, Football, Golf, Youth Leadership, CNASA Space Academy, Camp Survivor, Arts Academy, Camp Yakomichi, Entrepreneurs Camp and It's Your Environment.

The vision of the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services is to enhance the overall quality of life of the youth in the Chickasaw Nation by providing the maximum opportunities to succeed and enjoy life.

Tennis Camp

Several campers had the opportunity to learn fundamentals and technique at one of three Tennis Camps held in June and July. Two weeks of camp took place in Ada while a third camp was added in Pauls Valley which drew new campers not only from the area but as far as Purcell, Wayne, Tishomingo and Davis.

Instructors Carolyn Nimmo, Skip Griese (Ada Head Coach), Chad Waller (McAlester Head Coach) and Andrew Fowler (Ada High School Player) worked with players to increase their skill level, learn basic rules and scoring and encourage interest in the sport.

"We want the kids to learn to play tennis because it is a lifetime sport," said Nimmo. "This is a game they can play now and for the rest of their lives. It is a game for boys and girls, men and women, young and old. Tennis is a universal sport, and I think it's great for every child to learn the fundamentals of the game."

At the end of each camp, players were able to compete for a variety of prizes which included equipment bags, racket covers, wrist bands, tennis magazines and more. Every camper received a t-shirt, racket and can of tennis balls.

Softball Camp

More than 80 young ladies ages 10 to 18 hit the diamond on July 14 -15 for the Girls Softball Camp held at the Ada High School Fields. The camp featured several coaches and college players including Oklahoma University Director of Softball Operations Nickie Engelbrecht and former and current Sooner stars Katie Overton, Jade Prather and Kristin Vesely.

Many other outstanding coaches and players joined the camp staff to work with campers on hitting, fielding, pitching, base running and game situations. The camp was designed to teach players basic fundamentals, critique mechanics and techniques and motivate the ladies to continue to compete in the sport.

Each camper received a t-shirt and a Jenny Finch Franchise Series softball glove.

Basketball Camp

Players from Oklahoma State and Tulsa as well as coaches from East Central University and Ada High School were on hand July 19 – 20 to instruct the 65 campers who were taking part in the Boys and Girls Youth Basketball Camp held at the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center in Ada.

Campers were taken through two days of drills and practice designed to teach basic skills and fundamentals of the game. The young hoopsters also received advice on how to pursue a future in the sport from several stand out college players. Star athletes JamesOn Curry, Torre Johnson, Christian Hood and Destanie Sykes represented the Oklahoma State Men's and Women's teams, while Tulsa Women's players Jasmine Irving and Jullian Robbins rounded out the crew of outstanding athletes.

Each camper received a t-shirt, medal and Chickasaw Nation basketball for their participation in the camp.

(Editor's Note: More extensive stories about other camps appeared in the July issue of Chickasaw Times.)

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Oklahoma State standout JamesOn Curry signs autographs for campers following the awards ceremony.

Torre Johnson, OSU Forward, helps a young camper with proper shooting techniques.

Campers were taught basic footwork, racket position and technique from Camp Instructor Carolyn

Nickie Engelbrecht, Oklahoma University Softball, instructs camper Allison Keel on batting stance and bat speed.

Thank you, Pickens District voters

Initially, please accept my heart-felt thanks for your support in the recent election. I am honored by your confidence in me and consider it a privilege to represent each of you in the legislature. The contest was very close, to say the least. Personally, I think that is indicative of a race where there are two quality candidates. And, while I wish Ms. Hartman well, I look forward to serving all the citizens of the Nation to the best of my ability.

You have my pledge to work as hard as I can to educate myself on those issues most important to our people. In that vein, I welcome your views on these, or any other issue, you have concerns about. I believe the only way I can effectively represent the citizens of the Pickens District is to make myself accessible. That I will attempt to do by having meetings at designated times and places so we can share recent developments and your thoughts on how to improve services and opportunities for each and every member of the tribe.

Again, thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve each of you in the legislature. I will do my best to uphold the trust you have placed in me.

Sincerely,

Mitch Sperry

Chickasaw children excelling in athletic pursuits

Three Chickasaw children from Blanchard, Okla., have achieved much success in their softball and baseball pursuits over the summer. The Ingram children include Alyxandria, 11; Sha, 8; and five-year-old Tryston. The children are busy with ball activities, but also work hard at their school, home and faith lives. They also enjoy reading and riding horses.

Eleven-year-old Alyxandria Ingram enjoyed an excellent season as shortstop for the Moore Slammers, a 10-and-under softball team. The Slammers compiled a 70-4 record on their way to great success locally and nationally.

The Slammers won their fall league, took second in the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) fall Oklahoma state tournament, then won the American Softball Association (ASA) Hall of Fame Tournament in Oklahoma City.

In the spring, the Slammers played up to 12-and-under and went undefeated and won their league. The Slammers were also champions of six Oklahoma and Arkansas softball tournaments, and runnersup in one. The Slammers claimed two state titles, the USSSA 10-and-under Oklahoma state tournament and the ASA 10-and-under Oklahoma state tournament.

The Slammers moved on to play in the USSSA World Tournament in Thomson, Georgia, and the ASA National Tournament in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The team took second place at the USSSA tournament, and claimed the ASA national championship in the ASA tournament.

Alyxandria played well throughout the year and was named Most Valuable Player of the USSSA World Tournament.

Alyxandria is a sixth-grader at Blanchard Middle School. She is an honor student.

Eight-year-old Sha Ingram played right center field and was leadoff hitter for the Oklahoma HotShots, an eight-and-under softball team.

The HotShots won their eight-and-under fall league and then played up into the 10-and-under spirng league.

During the tournament season, the HotShots were champions of five Oklahoma and Arkansas tournaments and runners-up in two.

The HotShots claimed two state tournaments by going undefeated in both the USSSA eight-and-under Oklahoma state tournament and the ASA eight-and-under state tournament.

The HotShots finished their season by playing in the USSSA World Tournament in Thomson, Georgia. Sha helped her team win the World Tournament championship with several outstanding catches and timely hitting. Sha was named to the eight-and-under USSSA World Tournament all-tournament team.

Sha is a third-grader at Blanchard Elementary School.

Five-year-old Tryston Ingram played his first year of organized baseball as shortstop for the Blanchard Lil' Lions, a second-year t-ball team.

The Lil' Lions won their preseason tournament and finished the season at 23-1. Tryston was the youngest player on the team and did very well on a second-year team.

Tryston attends kindergarten at Blanchard Elementary School.

We are so very proud of all our children. They always keep their faith strong and keep God number one in their lives.

The Ingram children are enrolled members of the Chickasaw Nation. Their heritage also includes San Juan Pueblo and Comanche. On their Comanche side, they are descendants of the late "Joe A" and the great Comanche chief Ten Bears.

From left, Tryston, Alyxandria and Sha Ingram, of Blanchard, Okla.

Chickasaw officer graduates from U.S. Naval Academy

Lt. Matthew Bates, a Chickasaw from Ardmore, Okla., is congratulated by President Bush upon his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Matthew Bates has been commissioned a U.S. Marine Corps second lieutenant following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Lt. Bates, a Chickasaw from Ardmore, Okla., was congratulated by President Bush upon his graduation May 27, 2005.

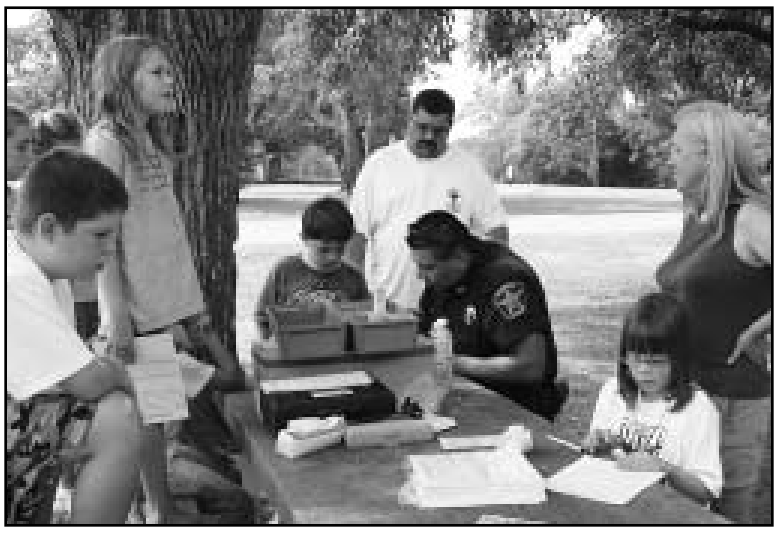
Lt. Bates graduated with a degree in economics. During his time at the Naval Academy, he was listed on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, participated in intramural athletics and served a commander of 19th Company. He is currently stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

Lt. Bates is the son of Bob and Mita Bates, of Ardmore. He has one sister, Sarah Bates, of Ardmore, and a brother, Christopher Bates and his wife Christal, of Chickasha, Okla.

His grandparents are Bob and Barbara Bates and John and Bettye Minnett. Uncles and aunts are Brad and Dianna Bates and Bruce and Jennifer Bates.

Lt. Bates is the great-grreat grandson of Benjamin F. Collins Sr., an original enrollee.

National KidsDay



Lighthorse Police Officer Dusk Monetathchi fingerprints children at Pennington Park as part of the National KidsDay celebration hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of Tishomingo.

The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs of Chickasha, Sulphur and Tishomingo recently celebrated National KidsDay on August 6 with special events held for area children and their families.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America and KidsPeace launched National KidsDay in 2001 to foster stronger relationships between adults and children by hosting events to encourage and educate families on spending meaningful time together.

The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs joined more than 500,000 kids and families nationwide that participated in the special day. Events included cookouts, games and activities, fingerprinting, inflatables and special guests.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America and KidsPeace lead the National KidsDay effort, with support from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, the Association of Children's Museums, the Association for Library Service to Children, Blockbuster, Major League Baseball, YMCA and Youth Service America.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Chilocco meeting set for Oct. 11

The fall meeting of the Chilocco Indian School, Southeast Chapter, will be Tuesday, October 11 at the Marie Bailey building, Ada, Okla. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

The Marie Bailey buidling is located at the corner of Jack John and East Williams Streets, approximately one-half mile east of Chickasaw Nation headquarters, and about one-half mile west of Carl Albert Indian Hospital.

All former students are invited, regardless of whether you graduated from Chilocco or not. All former students and friends are asked to bring a covered dish to the meeting.

For more information, contact Buck Cheadle at (580)

Bond family reunion set for Sept. 17

The grandchildren of Galloway Bond and Mittie Seal Bond will host a family reunion to honor the children of Galloway and Mittie Bond.

Carmen Sharp 89, Cleta Webb Fair, 87, Oleta Willingham, and Alice Phillips, 80 will be honored with a noon meal at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., Sept. 17, 2005.

Friends and former classmates are invited to attend between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

All relatives are encouraged to attend.

For more information call Sammie Bond Montgomery,

Chickasaw girls do well at livestock show

Codie and Maggie Adcock (r) with Maggie's crossbreed sheep Sweetie Pie.

Two Chickasaw children recently received awards for livestock they showed at the Hinton Fair, Hinton, Okla.

Codie Adcock, 13, and Maggie Adcock, 11, are the daughters of James Adcock, Clinton, Okla., and Kathy Adcock, Custer City, Okla. They are the granddaughters of Kenneth Adcock, Durant, Okla., Carmen Adcock, Fort Worth, Texas, and Harold and Zee Miller, Custer City. They are the great-granddaughters of the late Orion Thomas Adcock and the late Lola Richards Adcock.

Codie was awarded first place breed in both Hampshire and Natural categories for his hogs.

Maggie's crossbreed sheep "Sweetie Pie" won Grand Champion of Show. Maggie was also awarded first place and champion for Crossbreed, and a third place breed for Natural.

OKC Community Council elects new officers

August 12, 2005 - The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council conducted elections for the 2005-2006 year during its last monthly meeting on August 2, 2005.

Outgoing officers of the 2004-2005 year are treasurer Betty Smith; chair Flora Ann Fink; vice chair James Humes. Newly elected officers for 2005-2006 are Robert Greenwood, member at large; Linda Giles, chair; Joanna Gardner, treasurer; Kathy Morgan, member at large; Robert Cole, member at large; Shirley Thompson, secretary; and Mary Ann Lee, vice chair.

"Our Council has made tremendous strides in growth this year," stated newly elected Chair Giles, "and our goal is to build on that momentum with increased outreach efforts during the new year. We will expand on our continuing efforts to inform Chickasaws in our area of services available to them and our enriching history lectures will help to perpetuate the Chickasaw language and culture."

Outgoing OKCMCCC officers are, seated from left, treasurer Betty Smith; chairman Flora Ann Fink; vice chairman James Humes. Incoming officers are, back from from left, Robert Greenwood, member-at-large; Linda Giles, chairman; Joanna Gardner, treasurer; Kathy Morgan, member-at-large; Robert Cole, member-at-large; Shirley Thompson, secretary; Mary Ann Lee, vice chairman.

OKCMCCC meetings provide information and assistance to Chickasaws in the 10-County Oklahoma City Metro Area.

For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org. The Council House is located at 3301 East Reno in

Northeast Mississippi Heritage gathering set for Aberdeen

A Chickasaw authority on the families of Northeast Mississippi and Northwest Alabama is being sought to speak at the 2006 Northeast Mississippi Heritage Gathering in Aberdeen, Mississippi. Hopefully we can locate someone who is living in this area, but will be pleased to talk with anyone who may be interested in participating in this growing event, now in its third year.

The agenda for our Native speaker will comprise serving as the keynote speaker at the banquet on Friday night, talking with the young children during their session, and serving as a personal resource in a pre-selected group setting. Three local authorities on pioneer families will also serve as resources in this very special time.

For those who want to learn about researching their families, and those who are veteran researchers, June 10-11, 2006 is the date to mark, and Aberdeen, Mississippi is the place to be! An excellent faculty has been assembled and topics will range from "Beginning Research" through "Analyzing Your Findings for Authenticity and Accuracy."

This is a hands-on conference where you will learn techniques while applying them to your own family! A 20-computer laboratory will allow guided on-line research, and local authorities will provide guidance through the Monroe County Chancery Archives and the nationally acclaimed Evans Memorial Library. Children from 13 up will be included in the novice sessions, where they *may* serve as resources to computer-shy adults!

Special sessions for children 6-12 will center on "My Family Interview Album" and children are requested to bring family photography of no more than three generations. (Copies can be made of photos that are to be preserved.) There will be an archeology dig, a family field trip to Odd Fellows Cemetery, and the children will learn to play dulcimers!

Advance reservations are required. The schedule and registration form will be available online by September, 2005. For further information contact The Copy Shop of Aberdeen, 115-B East Commerce St., Aberdeen, MS 39730, phone 662-369-4428, FAX 662-369-4112.

Chickasaw Recreation Area opens new nature exhibits

SULPHUR, Okla. - Superintendent Connie Rudd is pleased to announce the arrival of nine new exhibits. Seven exhibits have been installed at the Travertine Nature Center and two at the new Visitor Information Station located in the Sulphur Chamber of Commerce Office (717 West Broadway). Superintendent Rudd and Chief of Interpretation Ron Parker invite the public to stop by at either or both locations to view the new exhibits that will enrich visitors' experiences at Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Each movable exhibit is approximately four feet wide and seven and a half feet high with different centerpieces and content displayed on both sides. The subject matter of each panel reflects the primary interpretive themes of Chickasaw National Recreation Area: the park's 500-million-year record of sedimentary deposition, complex hydro geological system, diverse flora and fauna, the wide range of recreational opportunities, the history of the freshwater and mineral springs, the rustic built environment, and the Eastern woodlands meets the Western plains ecotone.

Additionally, a 10-foot long photomural of the hydro-geologic story will illustrate the region's rock strata depicting layering, upheavals, and faulting overlaid with three panels giving background on the area's geologic and hydrologic history.

Recently the Long Range Interpretive Plan was completed. This management document will serve as the long-range vision of the park's interpretive program for the next five-ten years.

"These new exhibits will tell park stories and introduce park resources quickly to the visitor," Parker said. "They are handsome in design and construction, high quality products, and a great step forward for interpretive exhibits at the park!"

Travertine Nature Center and Visitor Information Station are open seven-days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional information on the topics of each panel: 1. The Ever-Changing Earth – complex geological processes, which began more than 500 million years ago (and continue today), formed the foundation for the freshwater and mineral springs found here. 2. The Water Beneath Your Feet – along with rainfall and runoff, the underground water supply, or aquifer, is the life source of the park's springs, streams, and lakes 3. Elemental Differences – the difference between freshwater and mineral springs is the concentration of minerals in the water. The mineral content comes from the rocks which the water passes through on its way to the surface

4. Those Who Were Here First – People have been attracted to this oasis of shade and water for thousands of years. The abundance of wildlife and plants provided a rich resource for their survival. 5. From the Land of Their Fathers – Tribes from the southeastern United States were forcibly removed to Indian Territory, which is today part of the State of Oklahoma. Among them were the Choctaw and Chickasaw, who made their new home on lands that would later become the park

6. The Pioneer Spirit – As pioneers moved west into Indian Territory, the landscape was transformed by farming, ranching, and fencing the prairie. The springs attracted settlers, who formed a town

7. Emerging Development – with the flurry of development around the springs, the Chickasaw and Choctaw wished to ensure access to the springs for everyone. They sold the land to the Federal Government. It was then protected as Sulphur Springs Reservation. 8. Birth of a National Park – The establishment of Sulphur Springs Reservation prevented future development near the springs and paved the way for the creation of a national park. 9. The Park Transformed – From the 1930s to the 1980s, the park was transformed with the addition of rustic buildings, landscaping, boundary changes, and lakes for recreation. 10. Relationships - Chickasaw National Recreation Area holds a special attraction for families, and camping in the park is long tradition for many.

11. Chickasaw Nation Connections – Members of the Chickasaw Nation honor their historic ties to the land and celebrate their unique cultural legacy. 12. Where the Forest Meets the Prairie – The park is located at the juncture of two distinct ecological communities where abundant and diverse plants and animals thrive. 13. Source of Life – Chickasaw's ponds and lakes, creeks and springs provide habitat and sustenance for all manner of creatures who live in and around them. 14. An Invitation to Visit – You are invited to safely enjoy either a few hours or several days in the park. Your care of the resources ensures they will be here for future generations. 15. Lessons for Life – Informing, educating, and inspiring visitors about the stories and resources of Chickasaw National Recreation Area are key to the park's mission.

16. Caring for the Resource – Protecting the resource is key mission of the park. Learned lessons of the past and careful practices today will help ensure the future of this oasis. 17. A Legacy of Stewardship – This park is yours, and your participation in preserving its water and other resources is critical to its survival. 18. Family Album – Many visitors have lasting memories of the park.

Eastern red cedars removed from Chickasaw Recreation Area

SULPHUR, Okla. - Recently, a contractor, Eastern Red Cedar Mulch, LLC of Stillwater, Oklahoma was awarded a contract to clear Eastern Red Cedars from 20 acres in the Platt District in Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The company utilizes specialized equipment equipped with rubber tracks, which are light on the land, to clear cedar trees. After one to two months, the contractor will return to grind the dried cedar trees into landscape mulch, which will be distributed to the Dallas landscape mulch market. Piles of cut cedars can be seen from U.S. Highway 177 and the park's Southeast Perimeter Road.

The contractor cut all female and most male cedar trees in the 20-acre plot. Older male trees thought to be planted by the Civilian Conservation Corp were saved along with deciduous trees five inches and larger.

The removal of cedar trees with the use of control burns and mechanical reduction in Chickasaw National Recreation Area has been a continuous process for several years with plans to continue. The cedar trees are being removed to allow the native grass to re-establish and the prairie and remaining deciduous trees to prosper. Also, views and vistas will be returned to the historic Platt National Park area thus restoring the cultural landscape and conserving water.

Although Eastern Red Cedar and Ash Juniper are a native species to Oklahoma, they are extremely invasive and can only be controlled by fire or mechanical means (cutting). According to the Strategy for Control and Utilization of Invasive Juniper Species final report published December 11, 2002 by the Red Cedar Task Force, it is estimated that cedars are expanding by 762 acres per day or 300,000 acres per year.

Chickasaw Nation celebrates National Farmers Market Week

The Chickasaw Nation recently joined U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns in proclaiming August 7-13 "National Farmers Market Week."

As part of the nationwide celebration, Chickasaw Nation WIC (Women, Infants & Children) clinics and nutrition centers in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo held a drawing at each site for a prize basket that was awarded at the end of the week.

Chickasaw Nation Farmers Market Nutrition Program Coordinator Jennifer Hayes and other Ada Nutrition Center staff concluded the week long celebration with a special booth set up at the Ada Farmers Market on Saturday, August 13. There were prizes, free food samples, nutritional handouts, recipes and on-site cooking. The goal of the event was to promote the quality and nutritional benefits of buying and eating local produce grown by area farmers.

The number of farmers markets in the United States has grown dramatically in recent years, prompting local, regional and national advocates of local farming to designate a week each year to take note of their benefits. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports more than 3,700 farmers markets currently operate throughout the nation – a record number, up from the initial count in 1994 of 1,755. Sales generated by farmers markets have been estimated to exceed $1 billion a year, with most of the money going directly to small family farmers.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Farmers Market program or to find the WIC clinic or nutrition center near you, contact Nutrition Services at (888) 436-7255.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Carl Albert Food Services Manager Melanie Todd, MS, RD/LD, speaks with a patron who stopped by the Chickasaw Nation booth at the Ada Farmers Market on August 13.

Environment Camp focuses on protecting human health

While touring the Ada Waste Water Treatment Facility, campers visit with lab technicians to learn how water is treated and tested before being placed back into the environment.

The Chickasaw Nation joined with the East Central University Environmental Health Science Department to offer high school juniors and seniors a closer look at the natural environment through a collaborative camp called "It's Your Environment."

The one week summer enrichment program was part of a larger project entitled the National Environmental Science Partnership Program which is sponsored by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The program focuses on educating high school students about the protection of human health and the natural environment from pollution and other environmental hazards. Students were also taught about educational and career opportunities in the fields of environmental health and protection.

Some of the topics covered included air pollution, communicable diseases, water pollution, waste management, food hygiene, occupational safety and how these topics affect Chickasaws and other citizens.

Each day, students took field trips around Ada and southeastern Oklahoma to meet environmental scientists and health professionals to learn more about the measures that are taken on a daily basis to keep water, air and land healthy and contaminate free. Students visited water and sewer plants, recycling centers, a landfill and other agencies as well as Byrds Mill Spring, which is Ada's water source.

The students were also learned about computer technologies and specialized equipment used to analyze and understand complex environmental problems including Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

For more information on future environmental camps, contact Robert Pickens, Chickasaw Nation Education Services, at (580) 421-7712.

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OKCMCCC hosts guest speaker

The guest speaker for the September 6, meeting of the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will be Debra Vaughn of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP). Vaughn will speak on OHLAP's various programs that are aimed at increasing the number of Oklahomans with college degrees.

"Scheduling an OHLAP representative is just another way we provide information and services to our Council. We are happy to be a part of OHLAP's outreach program," stated newly elected chair Linda Giles

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the OKCMCCC building at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Tribal election outcome unchanged after recount

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced the August 26 recount of the primary election results produced no change in the ultimate outcome of the election.

"Results of the recount demonstrate the high level of accuracy of our election procedures and confirm our confidence in the system," said Mrs. Loder.

Toby Perkins requested a recount of the Pontotoc District, Seat 3 election results. He finished the recount with 697 votes, unchanged from the original total.

A runoff election between Melvin Burris and Mooniene Perry Ogee for that seat will proceed as planned.

Ballots for the recount were mailed to voters August 29, and will be counted Sept. 20, 2005.

Donna Hartman, incumbent Pickens District Seat 2 legislator, requested a recount in her race with challenger Mitch Sperry.

Sperry was confirmed the winner in that contest with a total of 1,013 votes, two fewer than the original count. Hartman finished with 982 votes, one fewer than the original count.

August 26 Election Recount Results

Pontotoc District, Seat 3	**Primary**	**Recount**
Melvin Burris	1149	1148
Toby Perkins	697	697
Rodney Brown	233	235
Mooniene Perry Ogee	776	773
Pickens District, Seat 2		
Donna Hartman	983	982
Mitch Sperry	1015	1013

Service ongoing as war continues

Chickasaw Army officer engaged in communications efforts in Iraq

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, U.S. Army Major Jimmie Scott and Major Scott's mother, tribal legislator Wanda Scott, display the flag Maj. Scott presented to the Chickasaw Nation. The flag flew over Camp Ashraf, Iraq and was later signed by Gov. Anoatubby and each of the 13 tribal legislators.

United States Army Reserve Major Jimmie Scott, home on leave from active duty in Camp Ashraf, Iraq, recently presented a Chickasaw flag flown over the camp to the Chickasaw Nation.

Major Scott, son of tribal legislator Wanda Scott, brought the flag to Ada to be signed by Governor Anoatubby and all 13 tribal legislators before it was delivered to the Council House Museum in Tishomingo where it will be on display.

Camp Ashraf is a containment facility housing more than 2,000 members of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK), a militant group opposed to the Islamic republic of Iran and officially designated as a terrorist group by the U.S. government.

"These people did all the dirty work for Saddam Hussein. They're not nice people," said Major Scott. "We were the second unit to be there for the security and safety of the Iranian population that was there. It was a difficult job."

U.S. troops there are not only keeping the Iraqi population and members of the MEK apart, they are working to move members of the militant organization out of the country.

"We also found out their status, whether they were USA citizens, or Greek citizens, or Iraqi citizens, or Iranian citizens. Then we repatriate them wherever they belong. That's an ongoing issue with the state department. It's really a state department mission."

Working on state department missions is nothing new to Major Scott, whose civilian job consists of doing anti-terrorist work with the state department and the FBI.

"I travel to different embassies providing support, communications and computer support. Satellite, remote power sources, crypto, lots of crypto, big time crypto so everyone can talk to everybody else," said Major Scott. "Homeland security, transportation security administration, Nuclear regulatory commission, department of transportation – we support all that. That's my job.

"So one job just kind of bleeds in with the other one. I just change to a newer fashion statement," he added with a laugh.

U.S. troops at Camp Ashraf were also responsible for guarding one of the largest ammunitions storage areas in Iraq.

"It was huge," said Major Scott. "It's hard to envision that much munitions. Our storage area was big enough that you could put an aircraft in it, a 727. And there are 100 of those. And they are stacked from the floor to the ceiling.

"And right now, starting in November 2003, they are detonating 100 tons a day in three different locations in Iraq to destroy this stuff. And they figure this will last for 10 years."

Major Scott's primary duties at Camp Ashraf involved improving and securing radio and telecommunications systems.

When Major Scott arrived, communications were limited to two hours per day, but by the time he left, telephone systems were working 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week.

A gift from the Chickasaw Nation also helped improve communications capabilities beyond that available through the standard issue communications equipment.

"A nice thing that Governor Anoatubby did was send nine satellite phones," said Major Scott. "I want to tell you it makes a difference, because we had this bridge there that was the only way to get to the military base. And everyone and their dog who was going north to south would cross this pontoon bridge.

"And sometimes there were problems and they had to close that bridge. So, you didn't know if your convoy that was going to come pick you up, if they got attacked, or if they got hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) – we had a stretch of IED like everybody else had - or what.

"It was so nice to be able to get that phone and dial up and say 'we're going to be late.' It was such a difference," he added.

Major Scott and his team also established a computer system as part of a morale, welfare and recreation area on the base.

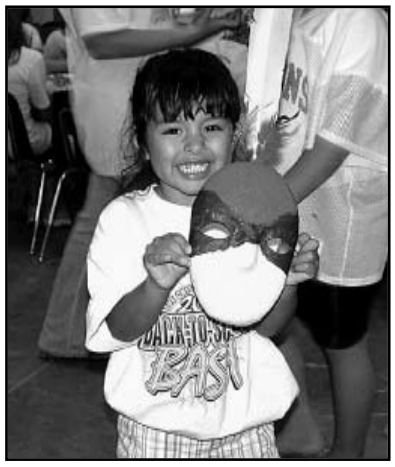
"It consisted of a satellite link to Fairfax, Virginia. And they gave us 19 laptops - the military did – and we hooked it all up and the soldiers could come in and they could e-mail their families and they could browse Internet," said Major Scott. "We even had it by our last days there that you could hook up a webcam so they could see their families."

Major Scott just returned to Iraq. He was tapped by the multi-national task force in Camp Victory Baghdad to assist in developing their communications and computer network.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

'Back to School Bash'

The tribal Division of Youth & Family Services hosted a 'Back to School Bash' for 8 – 12 year-old students August 5 – 7 at Camp W.O.W. in Gerty, Oklahoma. The event provided students the opportunity to get together before school started for some last minute fun. The weekend included swimming, games, fireworks, inflatables and art projects as well as audio and vision checks, fingerprinting and character development activities.



Activities included handmade art projects completed by each student. Lauren John, Ada, displays the mask she painted and decorated.

Brittany Farmer, Ada, and Ashlyn McGee, Ardmore, enjoy snow cones during the Friday night festivi-

Christian Ellis and Jalen Underwood, both of Ada, show their teamwork skills during a late night game of ping

Dakota West, Davis, gears up for his turn on the climbing wall.

Tribes, at long last, compensated for Arkansas Riverbed

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Note: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1970 that the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes owned the bed and banks of the Arkansas River from roughly Muskogee to almost Fort Smith. Nine years later, the tribes were still trying to force their trustee, the federal government, to help them develop their asset or receive compensation for it.

Since the tribes and their attorneys had little to show for their efforts during the decade of the 1970s, the three tribes banded together in 1979 to form the Arkansas Riverbed Authority.1 Thus, a single entity could focus all of its attention and resources on trying to manage the tribes' asset and to receive payment for use of the land and its minerals.

The authority earnestly went about its task, but the results were mixed. Some of the uninhabited riverbed land was leased to companies that provided about $200,000 annually in mineral royalties and for the extraction of sand and gravel.2 But much of the land was inhabited, some by the same families for many years. Theoretically, the tribes, and later the authority, could tell the federal government to evict these people from the Indians'land so that the assets would be accessible. But no federal agency wanted that duty, and the tribes had not wanted to force the issue, not wishing needlessly to seem to be the heavies in the public spotlight.3

There was little talk about the federal government compensating the tribes for two reasons. One, no agency of the federal government wanted to pay the tribes tens of millions of dollars. And two, no estimate of the value of the riverbed lands could be made without a definitive survey.

So, nothing much happened of a positive nature during the 1980s. Lon Kile, the Hugo, OK, attorney who took the case on contingency for the Chickasaws and Choctaws in the mid-1960s and pursued a just settlement for the tribes for two decades, suffered a debilitating heart attack in the mid-1980s and died in 1988.4 His partner, Bob Rabon took over the case and with the tribes' approval, began asking, then demanding, that the riverbed lands be surveyed and trespassers be removed. "We addressed our complaints to the BIA [Bureau of Indian Affairs] and Justice Department, telling them the survey had to be done so that we could know what the riverbed lands were worth," Rabon recalls. "They just flat ignored us."

To get their attention, the Cherokee attorneys and then Rabon filed lawsuits against the federal government, alleging in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, that the government had not protected their rights to the riverbed property. He would have filed the lawsuit sooner but he says that the Interior department employed stalling tactics for nearly a year on approving his contract with the tribes.5 The Choctaws paid him $36 an hour, and the Chickasaws, $12 per hour to compensate for overhead. This amount was to be deducted from the settlement amount. His contingency was 10 percent.

Rabon's lawsuit stated that the federal government had failed its responsibility as the tribes' trustee in numerous ways. Among, them, the government had failed: to identify and survey the riverbed lands; to remove unauthorized occupants; to exploit the land agriculturally; and to protect gas and oil and sand and gravel interests.

Rabon says the lawsuit was the tribes only way to get leverage with the government. "We knew it wouldn't look good having these people removed from the land, but our action was as much strategy as lawsuit. The government knew it had a duty to survey our land, and the lawsuit just made that fact public."

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The lawsuit and pressure from members of Oklahoma's congressional delegation, particularly Rep. Mike Synar, to get the riverbed problem settled, finally prompted the federal Bureau of Land Management to begin the survey. This included surveying not only the present channel, but also past channels, if, in the surveyor's expert opinion the river's course had changed gradually, not because of flooding. The courts considered such dry channels part of the Indians' land.

Nothing much could be decided until the survey was concluded, and it was expected to take several years. Meanwhile, in 1994, Moody Tidwell, a justice with the U.S. Court of Claims, in denying a federal government motion to dismiss the lawsuit, ruled unbidden that the lawsuit would be stayed pending the resolution of all claims against individuals residing on the river.

That ruling shocked the three tribes and their attorneys because they estimated that such litigation would take upwards of 20 years. The attorneys appealed Tidwell's decision to a federal circuit court, citing that the stay would be the "death knell" of its case. The circuit court agreed and remanded the case back to Tidwell, along with a scathing denunciation of Tidwell's handling of the case and the Department of Justice attorneys for having defended Tidwell's decision.

The circuit court's decision was so hostile to the government that Rabon thought it would "soften 'em up," meaning Interior and Justice. Furthermore, consulting engineers reported their calculations to the tribes of the amount of mineral revenue and sand and gravel that had been lost over the years. A short time later, in 1995, staff with the justice department and BIA said it was time to settle the matter financially.

Of the approximately 26,000 acres of riverbed land, the tribes wanted to sell their rights to about 8,000 acres of dry bed that represented the former channels of the Arkansas River. The balance would be retained by the tribes.

The tribal officials and attorneys went to Washington, D.C., and began making their presentation, based on the engineering reports for the 8,000 acres. According to Rabon, a BIA staffer soon interrupted, saying, "We don't want to hear this. This is a political settlement. We have $10 million for you."

Once again, tribal leaders were shocked. Governor Bill Anoatubby said the offer was "insulting." Rabon says "the engineers' report indicated we were on solid ground with a claim between $50 to $60 million." On the way out the door, Rabon uttered the words so often used by unhappy litigants: "We'll see you in court."

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The tribes' case was transferred in 1997 to another judge, Edward J. Damich, within the Court of Claims. "He was young and sympathetic to us," Rabon says. "So we felt like we had just stepped out of the depths of hell." And the government was more serious about settling with the tribes because the alternative seemed nearer to reality: filing hundreds of lawsuits to evict the riverbed land settlers.

Still, delays and postponements of one kind and another from both sides cropped up through 1999 and 2000. For example, the Choctaws had heard that a substantial amount of coal might be located under part of the riverbed. It took almost a year before studies showed that that there was no economically feasible way to mine whatever coal was there. Then the Cherokees said that they wanted a provision added to any agreement permitting them to use some proceeds from the settlement to buy large quantities of land that would be automatically taken into trust. The BIA "bowed up" on that one, Rabon says.

Despite the federal government's demonstrated callousness/bluntness/rudeness at the Washington meeting, the government came back with a serious and helpful proposal. A team representing the BIA and justice department would meet regularly in Muskogee with the tribes until a settlement was negotiated. When the meetings began in 2000, the two sides were very far apart, $16 million versus $49 million.

Still, the meetings were cordial. "There was a feeling I got from the local BIA guys that they really wanted to get this done," Rabon says. "Of course, they still had to do what the central office people wanted." Progress was made during the first several sessions. The government's offer rose to $23 million, and then $26 milllion. In the second year of negotiations, the two sides stuck on $34 million for three consecutive sessions.

Simultaneously with these meetings, Gov. Anoatubby was attending meetings as a member of a federal task force working on BIA trust reform. Present at these meetings was Stephen Griles, the deputy secretary of Interior, who was, in effect, Secretary Gale Norton's chief executive officer. "At one of these meetings in Phoenix, I pulled Steve aside and told him I wanted to talk with him after the meeting was over about the Arkansas riverbed settlement," says Anoatubby. "His interest was piqued because he had a goal in office to help settle some cases between tribes and the federal government."

After each task force meeting over the next 10 months, the two would continue their dialog, and get to know each other and size each other up a little better. "Steve told me he wanted to settle the riverbed situation, and I believed him," Anoatubby says. "I told Bob [Rabon] who asked me to get it in writing. I said, 'I trust this guy; he's a man of his word.'"

Back in Muskogee in the summer of 2002, the representatives of the federal government either couldn't justify going higher than $34 million or were told that it was the limit. The three tribes were adamant for $40 million. Then, Rabon, had an idea. "Part of the deal was that the money would be paid to us over four years. So I said to the negotiators, if you paid us 5 or 6 percent interest on $34 million over a four-year period, it would come to about $6 million. So why not drop the interest and just pay us the $40 million? Griles was at the meeting, and I think he recognized that this might be a way to justify paying $40 million. Steve said he would see."

Not long afterward, the deal was made. Evidently, Griles had sold his boss, Gale Norton, on the $40 million, because Bill Anoatubby had sold Griles, according to Rabon. "All I did was enable them to justify closing the gap," the attorney says. "But the deal never would have gotten done without the governor."

Still, Congress needed to pass a bill authorizing the deal. And since nothing about the Arkan-

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Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients honored

ADA, Okla. — A reception was conducted July 26 at the Pontotoc County Technology Center to honor Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship recipients.

Dr. Tina Cooper, Vice Chair of the Chickasaw Foundation, delivered the welcome address.

Foundation trustees Kennedy Brown and Kirk Perry joined Dr. Cooper in presenting scholarships to the recipients.

Scholarship recipients are listed below.

John Bennett Herrington Scholarship – Chris Carpenter

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship – Jennifer Harris

Bank2 Banking Scholarship - *In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton* – Ashley Johnson

Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarships – Zack Skinner, Ryan Allen and Matthew Nail

Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship – Tawahnah Love

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship – Mindy Morgan

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship – Riley Elmore

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship – Katie Johnson

Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship – Amber Brecht

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship – Dustin Newport

Frederick L. Hill - The Hill Group Scholarship – Michaela Worcester and Rina Chronister

Vinnie May Humes Scholarship – Avery Kuykendall

Janet Shaley James Scholarship – Kenneth Hulsey

Judicial Scholarship – Law Student Scholarship – Timpi Webber

Edward L. Kruger memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship – Jalaina Johnson

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship – Bridget Whittington

Native American fund Advisors Scholarship – Randall Hamilton

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship – Lacii Crow

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship recipients following the scholarship reception. Front row from left are Ashley Johnson, Bridget Whittington, Rina Chronister and Randall Hamilton. Second row from left are Tawahnah Love, Jalaina Johnson, Katie Johnson, Timpi Webber, Kenneth Hulsey and Riley Elmore. Back row from left are Mindy Morgan, Matthew Nail, Michaela Worcester and Dustin Newport.

Chickasaw Foundation Administrative Assistant

LaVerne Keeling

We would like to welcome Ms. LaVerne Keeling to the Chickasaw Foundation as the new administrative as-

Traci Farmer reviews a scholarship applica-

Cultural Evening 2005

The Chickasaw Foundation will host its 4th Annual Cultural Evening on September 27, 2005 at Kullihoma with opening ceremonies starting at 5:30 p.m. See below for an overview of the night's events. For additional information, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

<u>Opening Ceremony 5:30 p.m.</u>

Chickasaw Honor Guard

Welcome Address & Event Overview

Demonstrations of American Indian crafts (on-going until 7:30)

Children's activity area

Scout Night activities

Marble games (5:30—6:30 p.m.)

Stickball games (5:30—6:30 p.m.)

<u>Free Dinner 5:50 p.m.</u>

Free meal of bar-b-que sandwiches and trimmings

Demonstrations of American Indian crafts

Children's activity area

Scout Night activities

Marble games (5:30—6:30 p.m.)

Stickball games (5:30—6:30 p.m.)

<u>Special Ceremony 7 p.m.</u>

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Stomp dance demonstrations

Living History Performers

Demonstrations of American Indian crafts

Self-guided tour of Chickasaw houses and corn crib

Children's activity area

Scout Night activities

The winning design for the 2005 Cultural Evening Flyer & Patch Design Contest

-Celebrating Being Chickasaw—Quenna Harris

Celebrating Being Chickasaw by Quenna Harris

Foundation Educational Talent Search program seeks students

The Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search program is funded through the United States Department of Education, and promotes post-secondary education to students who meet a specified income level and whose parents do not have a college degree. The program serves nine school districts within the Chickasaw Nation: Wayne, Bridge Creek, Ninnekah, Rush Springs, Bray-Doyle, Waurika, Ryan, Ringling and Wilson.

Talent Search participants attend workshops during the school day on time management and organization, career exploration, study skills, pre-ACT, college admissions, financial aid and scholarships. Participants are also invited on fun and educational field trips. Seniors visit several college campuses during the school year where they tour the campus, speak with admissions staff and usually attend a campus event such as a football game. Talent Search also provides a school based tutoring program for those participants who need academic assistance.

Talent Search is preparing for another school year. We are excited about seeing our participants again, as well as meeting new students and teachers. We are also seeking new students to join our program. If you, or someone you know, has the ability and desire to succeed in college and is enrolled in one of our target schools, please contact your school counselor or the Talent Search program at (580) 371-9903 for an application.

Tribal Arts in Education promotes Indian art, culture

As fall begins, students and teachers are not the only ones hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year. The Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Department is also busy gearing up for the classroom.

Now in its seventh year, the Arts in Education Department has grown to include eight educational programs, advisory services, a summer art academy and art programs in 25 schools within the Chickasaw Nation area with the potential for 30 more.

Programs provided through this department include:

• JOM Art Clubs: an after school art program held in the public schools providing activity and instruction from state certified art instructors

• Art Curriculum: lesson plans and visuals designed to meet the state required 5th and 8th grade art component

• Teacher In-Services: experienced instruction in art objectives, cross curriculum, American Indian culture and art assessment

• American Indian Workshops: study of different tribal art styles and crafts for students and educators

• After School Art Program: classes for students in grades 3 through 12 held in Ada each Friday afternoon throughout the school year

• Chickasaw Children's Choir: a performance choir for American Indian children starting at age eight

• Senior Site Workshops: cultural projects and basic art lessons for seniors

• Art for Alternative Education: instruction to meet art criteria of alternative education curriculum

Many of these programs take place in the public schools within the 13-county Chickasaw Nation area. The goal is to reach the Chickasaw students who attend these schools with art and cultural lessons.

Arts in Education Manager, Laura Morrison, said, "We go in with an invitation from the school to provide those services. We have created our own program to go do this to help provide those objectives to our Chickasaw citizens."

Morrison and Art Instructors Trina Jones and Kelly Reed see hundreds of Indian students every school year through the public schools program, the art clubs and the Friday afternoon art classes. So, yes, they do stay busy.

"The meat of (the program)," Morrison said, "is that we want to be able to come into the school and the community at large to teach art which in turn teaches culture. And isn't that great for our kids?"

To learn more about the Art in Education programs or to pick up an After School Art Program enrollment form, contact the Arts & Humanities Office at (580) 332-1092.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Donate to 'Success by 6'

Thank you to those employees who choose the Chickasaw Foundation as their designated recipient for the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan. We would like to ask those who donate to the Foundation to notify us of any address changes due to the new 911 laws. We will need to update your address so that you may receive your year-end tax receipt. If you would like to become a participant in this plan, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The Chickasaw Foundation donates the money accrued yearly from this plan to local charities. One of the charities selected this year was Ada Area United Way, Success by 6® program. The contribution will go towards the distribution of free books through the Dolly Parton Imaginary Library™. As an affiliate of United Way of America's Success by 6® program, Ada Area Success by 6® is committed to helping all children succeed in life by emphasizing the need for community involvement and encouraging community education.

Ada Area Success by 6® is committed to improving the quality of life for Pontotoc County's youngest citizens. By focusing on issues like literacy, child care, health care and family education, Ada Area Success by 6® will ensure every child in the Ada area is born healthy and remains healthy by the time he/she enters school.'

Dolly Parton Imaginary Library™ is one of the early childhood literacy campaigns sponsored by Ada Area Success by 6®. It makes it possible for every child living in Pontotoc County, age birth to five, to receive FREE books.

To date, 870 of the 2,200 children under five years old living in Pontotoc County participate in this program. Children enrolled receive a free book once a month until the month of their fifth birthday. The number of children and families participating in the program continues to grow on a daily basis.

Interested parents can ask for a registration form from any of the following locations: the Ada Public Library, ECU Child Care Resource and Referral Center, ECU Child Development Center, Big 5/Headstart, Ada Boys and Girls Club, Glenwood Early Childhood Education Center, Pontotoc County Health Department, the Department of Human Services, and the Chickasaw Nation Office of Youth and Family Services. They can also stop by the United Way Office in the Thompson Building on 14th and Broadway or ask their child care provider for a form.

For additional information, please call 580.332.3323.

United Way SUCCESS BY 6™

Miss Indian Oklahoma applications due by October 13

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women has announced applications are now available for the 2006 Miss Indian Oklahoma (MIO) and Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma (JMIO) competitions.

This competition is open to all ladies who meet the following eligibility requirements.

Miss Indian Oklahoma:

1. Be between the ages of 18 and 24 inclusive, must be 18 years of age before the pageant
2. Be one-fourth (1/4) or more degree of documented American Indian blood
3. Be a legal resident of the State of Oklahoma
4. Be a high school graduate with at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA)
5. If enrolled in higher education, maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average
6. Have never been married, cohabited, or conceived a child
7. Identify a current issues platform to be the focus of the candidates reign, if selected as MIO
8. Resign from any tribal or organizational princess titles, if selected as MIO
9. Pay registration fee of $150 in full by 10/13/05. Insufficient fund check will disqualify candidate.
10. Agree to sign and abide by the MIO contract, if selected as MIO

Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma:

1. Be between the ages of 14 and 17 inclusive, must be 14 years of age before the pageant
2. Be one-fourth (1/4) or more degree of documented American Indian blood
3. Be a legal resident of the State of Oklahoma
4. Be enrolled in school with at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA)
5. Have never been married, cohabited, or conceived a child
6. Identify a current issue platform which will be the focus of the candidates reign, if selected as JMIO
7. Resign from any tribal or organizational princess titles, if selected as JMIO
8. Pay registration fee of $100 in full by 10/13/05, insufficient fund checks will disqualify candidate.
9. Winner and parent agree to sign and abide by the JMIO agreement, if selected as JMIO

Applications, fees and all documentation must be received by October 13, 2005 and the pageant will be held the first week of November.

To find out more about the competition or to receive an application, contact Chauncey Swartz at (918) 798-7030 or Sue Robertson at (918) 523-4221.

Kids learn culture at Camp Yakomichi

Twenty-nine children from several towns across Oklahoma, and as far away as Colorado, participated in the Chickasaw Nation's Camp Yakomichi the week of July 18. The Purcell Area Office played host to the new camp which was added to the day camp schedule this year.

Campers from Lexington, Yukon, Norman, Wayne, Maysville, Lindsay, Ada, Sulphur, Davis, Wanette, Okla., and Lakewood, Colorado participated in Camp Yakomichi, which means "this is the way," in order to learn more about their history and the way of the Chickasaw.

Camp included a variety of sessions including history, language, art, dancing, cooking, safety and more. Campers learned traditional Chickasaw ways through singing and dancing to traditional songs, learning about and building summer and winter homes, learning the history of the Chickasaw seal and past governors, eating traditional foods and studying the Chickasaw language.

Campers also learned modern ways like eating and cooking healthy meals and snacks, stranger danger safety lessons and healthy physical activities like basketball, swimming and group games.

Several guest speakers visited the camp to share their expertise with the children. Nicholas and Krista Mee shared healthy and easy recipes, Tim Harjo and Wisey Narcomey taught the campers dancing and songs. Darrell Walker helped with building summer and winter homes and Joann Ellis and Keith Shackleford taught the Chickasaw language.

At the end of the week, campers left with not only memories of a fun week with new friends, but a better and prouder understanding of their Chickasaw heritage.

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest June 2005 winners

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificate and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a $50 Wal Mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for June 2005 is Kempy Shrader.

The contest will run from May through August and all active participants in the Homeowners Program are eligible to enter by calling (580) 421-8855. The four Lt. Governor's winners will be eligible for the Governor's award of a $250.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card.

Elias Don Mose - Pickens District

Kari Kinslow - Pickens District

James Brown - Pontotoc District

Kempy Shrader - Panola/Tishomingo District

Rachel McDonald - Panola/Tishomingo District

Sabrina Vaughn - Pontotoc District

May winners

Courtney Cook - Pontotoc District

Curtis Hughey - Pontotoc District

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHICKASAW NATION

In the matter of the Petition For the Change of Name of Corri Stick

Case No. CIV-05-16

ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all persons that on 29th day of June, 2005, CASEY WAGON,, as mother and next friend of CORRI STICK filed a petition requesting a change of name and that said petition will be heard in the District Courtroom of the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation in Ada, Oklahoma on the 27th day of September, 2005 at 3:15 o'clock p.m., and any person having any objection may file a written protest to the Petitioner's application prior to the date set for hearing.

Witness my hand this 8th day of August, 2005.

s/Arron Duck
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHICKASAW NATION

In the Matter of Application of: James Michael Cheairs, DOB: 12/24/1974, To Change His Name.

Case No. CIV-05-23

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all persons that on the 4th day of August, 2005, James Michael Cheairs filed a petition requesting a change of name and that said petition will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Chickasaw Nation in Ada, Oklahoma, on the 20th day of September, 2005 at 10:15 a.m., and any persons having any objection may file a written protest to the Petitioner's application prior to the date set for hearing.

Witness my hand this 9th day of August, 2005.

s/Arron Duck
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

'Its About Money'

National Congress of American Indians to meet Oct. 30 in Tulsa

J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

During the latter part of this October and the early part of November, Tulsa will be the host city for the 62nd Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This is the first time in nearly 30 years that Oklahoma has hosted this Annual Conference and represents a great opportunity for American Indian business owners and tribal members to participate in the conference, develop new contacts or renew old friendships.

The conference will run from Sunday, October 30 and conclude on Friday, November 4. The event will be held at the Tulsa Crowne Plaza Hotel which is located right in the heart of downtown Tulsa. For more information on the conference and to register to attend you may visit the NCAI website at www.ncai.org.

The National Congress of American Indians is the nation's largest and oldest representative body for American Indians. It was formed in 1944 largely in response to federal policies of termination and assimilation efforts at that time. Over the past 61 years NCAI has been at the forefront of many issues affecting Indian Country including such matters as economic development, trust reform, taxation issues and law enforcement.

It is expected that some 5,000 attendees and tribal representatives will be present during the course of the 62nd Annual Convention in Tulsa. Look for a wide variety of breakout sessions and workshops. Also, our own American Indian Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a reception during the conference. Keep visiting the NCAI website for updates on conference information. I look forward to seeing you there.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at

Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $75 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Nation hosting tribal air quality workshop

ADA, Okla. - More than three dozen environmental staff members from 11 tribes are expected to attend the tribal air quality workshop hosted by the Chickasaw Nation 10 a.m., Sept. 8.

Representatives from the Delaware, Muskogee and Cherokee Nations will make presentations on monitoring and improving air quality at the event to be conducted at the Elks Lodge, 3850 East Arlington.

Participants will also hear a presentation on indoor air quality presented by the Texas Engineering Group Environmental Division.

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center technology specialist Glen Gehring will also make a presentation.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHICKASAW NATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: SENHEC-K SANDY LEE HARJO, a minor Chickasaw child, born September 30, 1998 by LEONNA DONISE RASHA, Petitioner, Case No. A-05-18

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING - APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL PARENT AND FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

CHICKASAW NATION DISTRICT COURT to:

TAFFNEY RENAE HARJO

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Leonna Donise Rasha has filed a Petition in the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation, located at 1500 North County Club Road, City of Ada, State of Oklahoma, for the adoption of SENHEC-K SANDY LEE HARJO, date of birth September 30, 1998, of which you are alleged to be the natural mother, and has also filed his application for an Order of this Court determining the said child be eligible for adoption without your consent. Said application alleges that your consent to this adoption is not required by law for the following reasons, to-wit:

a. The natural mother has failed to establish and maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the minor child for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition and further for a period of twelve (12) months immediately preceding the filing of the petition for adoption, wilfully failed, refused or neglected to provide and contribute to the support of the minor Child in substantial compliance with any decree of a court of competent jurisdiction certain support to be contributed.

Order and notice of hearing-application for order determining child to be eligible for adoption without consent of natural parent and for termination of parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this Court will hear the evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said application and on the 11th day of October, 2005, at the hour of 1:15 o'clock p.m. at the courtroom of said District Court of Chickasaw Nation, in the Courthouse, at Ada. Oklahoma.

If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Application and Petition should not be granted by the Court or why the said minor child is not eligible for adoption without your consent you should appear and present the same at the above stated time and place.

You are given notice that failure to appear at the hearing shall constitute a denial of interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, in the granting of the application for adoption without consent or permanent relinquishment or in the termination of the putative mother's parental rights and in the child's adoption.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal of said Court this 9th day of August, 2005.

s/Aaron Duck, JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Please join us for the inaugural

2005 Southeastern Art Show and Market

Experience the extraordinary talents of southeastern artists from across the nation at the inaugural ***2005 Southeastern Art Show and Market.***

Enjoy the richness and historic culture of both southeastern artists and the Chickasaw people during this special celebration of fellowship, culture, history, dance and art conducted on the grounds of the tribe's beautiful historic capital

Friday, September 30th
9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
and
Saturday, October 1st
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

during the 45th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and 17th Annual Festival in beautiful Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

The ***2006 Chickasaw Historical Society Calendar signing*** featuring artists of the Chickasaw Nation and ***Southeastern Art Show and Market awards reception*** will be celebrated

Friday, September 30th
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by:
Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities (580) 272-5520 or (580) 332-1092
Chickasaw Historical Society (580) 436-2603 x 7301
Office of Special Events at 1-800-593-3556

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sas riverbed case had ever come easily, this would not either. Rep. Brad Carson introduced the bill into the House of Representatives. California Sen. Diane Feinstein put a hold on the bill, Rabon says, because she had some unrelated problem with then Oklahoma Sen. Don Nickles. The clock was ticking on Congressional adjournment. If the bill didn't pass before Congress adjourned, amazingly the deal would be off, and negotiations would have to start over the next year.

In accord with the historic three-fourths to one-fourth undivided interest between the Choctaws and Chickasaws with respect to jointly held land, the Chickasaw share of the $40 million was just $5 million, paid out over four years. The heat was on for the money, but even more to finalize a settlement that Gov. Anoatubby believed was in the best interest of the tribe. "We never had clear title to the land and we never had possession," he says. "We wanted the government to clear title to the dry beds all at once. We have been 30 years trying to get the government to put the trespassers off that land, and we had been totally at the government's mercy."

With some legislative maneuvering by the House Resources Committee, the Carson bill was included in the Omnibus Bill, a catch-all of special-interest legislation favored by lawmakers doing favors for their constituents. The hold on Carson's bill was released so the Omnibus Bill could pass.

But, a lobbyist called Rabon to say that Congress had adjourned without passing the bill. "I can't tell you how terrible I felt," Rabon says. Then, half an hour later, he called Rabon again to say he had been mistaken. The bill had passed. It was November 19, 2002. President Bush signed the bill on December 7. "He may not have known that our bill was in there," Rabon says. "But the Secretary of Interior certainly did."

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The first installment of the $5 million owed the Chickasaws was received in 2004.

"None of it is made automatically," Gov. Anoatubby says. "We have to be vigilant and apply pressure if need be to insure that the appropriation is in the budget every year."

All of the money will be put in tribal trust accounts. "Twenty years ago, we could have really used this money," the governor says. "But today with our success in economic development we will leave it in trust funds to draw interest. It can be used, however, by tribal government for any purpose, health care, education, economic development."

Anoatubby is well aware that he and his predecessor, Gov. Overton James, had Chickasaw opponents to a riverbed settlement throughout the almost 30-year odyssey. "We now have something. Before, we had nothing tangible."

"Have you been up there to see the riverbed land?" asks Rabon. "To see the sand bars and willow trees? That's what most of it is. We couldn't get use of it. Even if we had won claim to parcels of it in all those suits, we couldn't get to it by land because it is surrounded by big ranches. And the lawsuits would have been a public relations nightmare. With all that in mind, we sold our interest in it for $5,000 an acre."

The wetbed of the river is still owned by the tribes, Anoatubby notes. "At some future point, there could be some mineral development. The water rights are retained by the tribes, and water is a precious commodity. Who knows what will happen in the future?"

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Afterword: This account was based on a lengthy interview I had with Gov. Anoatubby and Bob Rabon in 2003. There are a few other sources identified in the endnotes.

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Chickasaw Nation honored for supporting troops

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, acting on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, accepts the Freedom Salute award from U.S. Army National Guard CWO Jay Mitchell.

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby recently accepted a Freedom Salute award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, which was recognized as the top employer in the area for its support of U.S. troops.

Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Jay Mitchell presented the award from the 1120 Maintenance Company in Ada.

Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell, who works as a communications program manager for Chickasaw Enterprises, said he is "proud to be Chickasaw." He added that "it is great working for an employer who supports the military."

Gov. Anoatubby expressed appreciation for the work the military is doing for the American people.

World Breastfeeding Week celebrated

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program celebrated World Breastfeeding Week August 1 – 7 with several activities and special events held in communities throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Activities began with the "We Like to Nurse" game at National Night Out in Ada on August 2. The matching game allows children to understand that all babies were born to breastfeed. The game was also a part of Fiesta in Fuqua Park, a back to school event in Duncan on August 6.

Events also included celebrations honoring breastfeeding mothers in Duncan, Purcell and Ardmore. Each mother was presented a certificate and a magnetic photo of themselves and their breastfed child.

The goal of this year's World Breastfeeding Week was to encourage mothers to continue breastfeeding even after six months of age for as long as mother and child desire. Through these special events WIC was able to encourage and teach mothers how to make the transition from exclusive breastfeeding, to breastfeeding and eating with the rest of the family, in a way that is loving and caring.

Mother Erika Romero, left, celebrates National Breastfeeding Week in Purcell with her daughter, Karen, and son, Gabriel.

Tribe helps celebrate anti-crime 'National Night Out'

Tribal Administrative Services employee Kristal Rhoten opens the evening's ceremonies with the National

Firemen, law enforcement officers, emergency medical services and search and rescue teams came together on August 2 in Ada to celebrate the 22nd Annual National Night Out (NNO). More than 500 Ada-area residents participated in the evening dedicated to stopping crime.

The Chickasaw Nation and East Central University co-hosted the event which is one of the largest community observations in Oklahoma. This special event was designed to heighten awareness of crime, violence and drug prevention; generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

"We are pleased to be a part of this special night," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "This gives the community a chance to meet and thank the law officials who work so hard to keep our neighborhoods safe."

Conducted from 6-9 p.m. on ECU's Administration Lawn, the free event included several local agencies on hand to host booths which provided information, prizes and entertainment to the NNO attendees. Free hotdogs, drinks and cotton candy were available as well as a football toss, moon bounce, basketball shoot, face painting and other game booths for the children.

The crowd was entertained throughout the evening with several special guests from the Chickasaw Nation including K-9 Unit demonstrations from the Lighthorse Police Department, Martial Arts demonstrations from Instructor Matt Clark and his students, singing from the children of the Child Development Center and a live band led by Bradley Clonch.

NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) some 20 years ago. The NNO celebration occurs on the first Tuesday every August.

For more information about future NNO festivities, phone Shawna Jackson, Chickasaw Nation Youth Leadership Coordinator, at (580) 310-6620.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

The crowd was entertained with special songs presented by children of the Ada Child Development Center.

Kids of all ages were able to take part in several game booths provided by community businesses and organizations. Above, participants try their skills at a football toss sponsored by the Camps and Recreation Department.

Chickasaw Junior Princess Tesia Worcester and Chickasaw Princess Shelly Wall sign the Lord's Prayer during opening ceremonies.

A volunteer dons the attack suit to help the Lighthorse Police Department during a K-9 demonstration.

Lighthorse Police conducting patch design contest

Submissions from Chickasaw citizens of all ages are now being accepted for the design of a new Chickasaw Lighthorse Police patch.

A specially formed committee will choose the winning design from submissions received by Nov. 30, 2005.

In addition to having their design on a patch worn by every officer in the department, the winner will receive a commemorative plaque emblazoned with the winning design.

"We are very proud to be carrying on the tradition the Lighthorse Police started more than a century ago, and we would like to have a new patch that adequately conveys that sense of pride," said Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal. "That is why we are conducting this contest, which is open to all Chickasaws."

Patch design should be round, approximately five inches in diameter, and consistent with the blue and silver Lighthorse Police uniform.

Designs should be submitted to Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal, 1003 Chamber Loop, Ada, 74820.

All submissions should include name and contact information of the designer.

For information, call the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police at (580) 436-1166.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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County

This resolution approves a right-of way easement to The GHK Companies, LLC, for the purpose of a gas well location and road across a portion of property owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, containing 3.67 acres, more or less. The proposed right-of-way will be for a twenty (20) year term, at a total compensation rate of $9,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,375.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-060. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-060 carried unanimously.

General Resolution 22-061, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Stephens County

This resolution authorizes the transfer of a tract of land from the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation designated as surplus, containing 0.51 acre, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property USA in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-061. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-061 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-064, Right-of-Way Easement in McClain County

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for the construction of a roadway on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation in McClain County containing 0.10 acre, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the roads project.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-064. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-064 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 22-065, Right-of-Way Easement in McClain County

This resolution authorizes and approves a highway right-of-way for the construction of a roadway on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation containing 1.18 acre, more or less. Compensation is waived due to the Chickasaw Nation's contribution to the roads project.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR22-065. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR22-065 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott encouraged students to apply for scholarships.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported that the Chickasaw Health System was the only one in the Nation that has health records data available in all the clinics throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 22-016, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Marriage Ceremony Act)

This resolution establishes the Marriage Ceremony Act of 2005 pursuant to which the Judges and Justices of the Chickasaw Nation and members of the clergy may perform marriages within the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation. The resolution also amends the application and filing fees for marriage licenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR22-016. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-016 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 22-017, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 6, Article D, Section 6-304.22 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Termination of Parental Rights)

This resolution amends the Code of the Chickasaw Nation to provide better definitions of circumstances when the District Court may terminate parental rights. The Chickasaw Supreme Court has approved this resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR22-017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-017 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 22-018, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 8, Section 2-812 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rights of Majority)

This resolution provides rules and procedures for the District Court enabling it to confer rights of majority to persons under eighteen (18) years of age in certain situations and upon certain procedures. The Chickasaw Supreme Court has approved this resolution.

Mr. Tim Colbert noted that the title should be Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to amend the Title to read, "Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Rights of Majority)." The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterling.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR22-018, as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-018, as amended, carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert Concluded his report.

(I) LEGISLATIVE ETHICS SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution Number 22-012, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules on Legislation)

This resolution amends those sections of Title 16, Chapter 2 that describe the process for consideration of proposed legislation by the Tribal Legislature.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Colbert.

Mr. Seawright proposed to amend Section 16-204 B. by not deleting items 2. and 3. and to amend Section 16-205 B. 3. by deleting items b., c., and d.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend PR22-012 by reinstating items 2. and 3. of Section 16-204B, and by deleting items b., c., and d. of Section 16-205 B. 3. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 yes votes

Members voting no:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

The motion to amend failed.

Ms. Hartman stated by deleting item 5. of Section 15-204 B. it would eliminate the right of a Legislator to present legislation in Legislative Session.

A motion was made by Ms. Hartman to reinstate item 5. of Section 16-204 B. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seawright.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 no votes

The motion to amend failed.

A vote was taken on PR22-012 as presented.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth

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Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve PR22-012 carried.

Permanent Resolution Number 22-013, Amendments to Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Ethics Ad Hoc Committee)

The resolution creates a permanent Select Committee designated the "Legislative Ethics Select Committee" by adopting language to be codified at Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-204.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to approve PR22-013. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert,Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander

1 no votes

The motion to approve PR22-013 carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs announced there would be an Additional Regular Session on July 21, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., to reconsider PR22-019.

Mr. James Humes encouraged everyone to attend the Oklahoma City Community Council picnic on July 16, at 6:00 p.m. He made comments regarding the Chickasaw Festival and about Salara health care group.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

ADDITIONAL REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building

Ada, Oklahoma

July 28, 2005

AGENDA ITEM #1

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2

ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright**,** Steve Woods

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Truman Johnson, Lula F. Johnson, Bailey D. Walker, Mitchell Duke, Paula Woods

AGENDA ITEM #3

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

Shortened Agenda

Chairperson Briggs asked the Legislature to consider the short agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling to suspend the rules to consider the short agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #4: R E - PORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 22-019, Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 8, Title 3, Chapter 3 and Title 10, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Code of Laws of the Chickasaw Nation (Comptroller Act)

This resolution updates and streamlines the codified processes of the budget and accounting procedures of the tribal government. It amends those sections of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding the Comptroller Act of 1994 to describe that all functions can be performed by existing personnel without the need for a Comptroller.

A motion was made by Mr. Burris to take PR22-019 from the table. Ms. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to take PR22-019 from the table carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve PR22-019. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Mr. Seawright stated there were two items that should remain in PR22-019. He submitted his proposals to the Legislators in writing.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to retain existing Section 10-117, Investment Plan Required in Title 2, Chapter 8. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 no votes

The motion to amend failed.

Mr. Seawright stated the existing Section 10-204, Budget Submission Deadline, legislates that the Consolidated Governmental Budget must be submitted to the Legislature in May of each year. Passage of PR22-019 would delete this deadline.

Ms. Easterling stated the language was deleted because the purpose of the section was to form it into a development budget. If a deadline was reinstated, it should be a part of Section 10-202 B.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to move existing Section 10-204 to Section 10-202 B. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

A lengthy discussion followed.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to Call for the Question. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Mrs. Alexander called for a Point of Order citing Robert's Rules of Order which provide that all members should be given the opportunity to speak. Chairperson Briggs honored the Point of Order and the discussion continued.

A roll call vote was taken on Mr. Seawright's motion.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

4 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 no votes

The motion failed.

Mr. Seawright noted on page six, Section 10-204 that item 5 was missing. Mr. Woods explained that the section remained; it was a typographical error and should have been included.

Mr. Seawright noted on page three, new Section 10-118, audits performed by CPA, Item B. stated the Governor or his delegate "may" submit to the Legislature financial statements.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to change the word "may" to "shall" in the new section 10-118 B. Mrs. Hartman seconded the motion.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

6 yes votes

Members voting no: Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

7 no votes

The motion failed.

Mr. Woods called for the question. The motion was seconded by Ms. Easterling.

Mrs. Alexander called a Point of Order for the Legislators to continue with the discussion of PR22-019. Mr. Tim Colbert read from Robert's Rules of Order that the Call for the Question immediately ended debate.

A roll call was taken on the Call for the Question.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The call for the question carried.

A roll call was taken on PR22-019, as presented.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus,Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve PR22-019 carried.

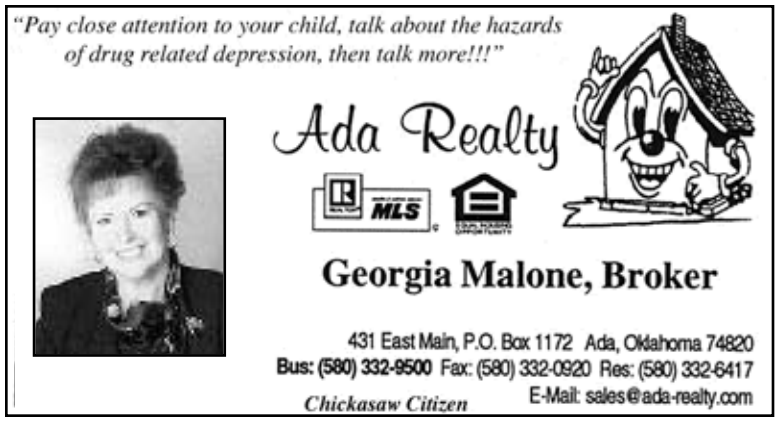
AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Additional Legislative Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary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Following is a list of Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders provided by the Tribal Government Services department of the Chickasaw Nation.

The location of these account holders is unknown. If you are included on this list, or know someone on the list, please contact Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Trust Program Management Center, 4400 Masthead Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

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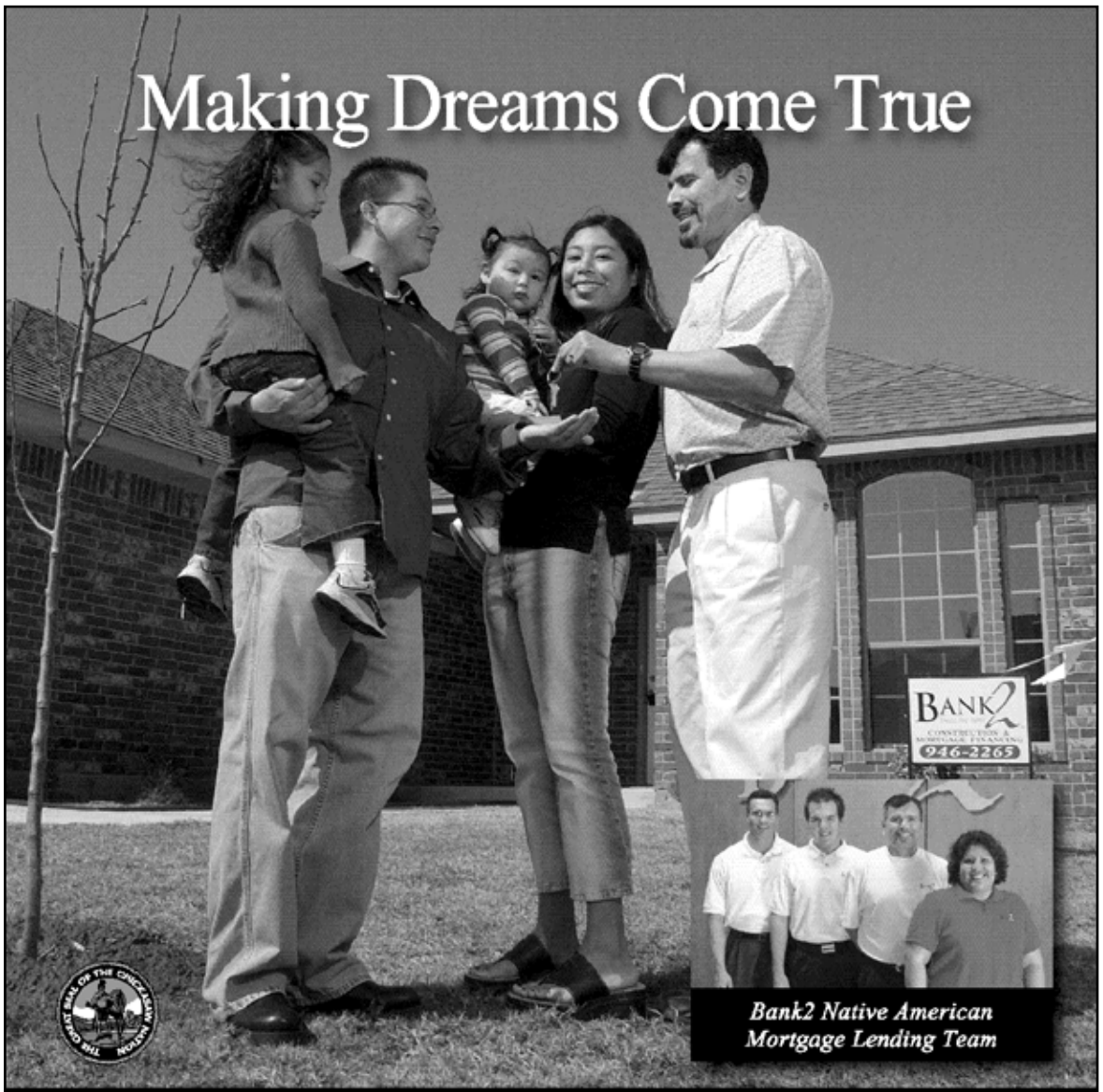

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Sarah Louise Jones

Sarah "Sallie" Louise Jones, 103, an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation, died July 28, 2005.

She was born June 6, 1902 in Ninnekah, Indian Territory, to George R. and Georgia Ann Beeler.

Her father was a pioneer who took part in the Land Run and was founder of the town of Ninnekah. She attended high school in Chickasha, Hardin College in Mexico, Mo., Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha and Oklahoma A& M College, where she met and married Ray C. Jones, who became a prominent figure in Oklahoma politics, serving as a state senator and Oklahoma Corporation commissioner.

She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage. On her 100th birthday she was honored by the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation for being one of the original enrollees of the Dawes Commission rolls.

Mrs. Jones was a member of Will Rogers Methodist Church, Tulsa, and a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority at Oklahoma State University.

She was a former resident of Chisholm Trail Assisted Living Community.

She is survived by daughters, Sally Rawls and husband, Ed, of Duncan, Okla., and Pat Zahler and husband, George of Tulsa; a daughter-in-law, Doris Jones of Boulder, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ray C. James; three children, Raymond Jones, Georgianna Tregoning and Dr. Harry B. Jones; two grandchildren, Cheryl Jones Wallace and Guy Preston Rawls; and several brothers and sisters.

Floyd Dean Alberson

Floyd Dean Alberson died July 9, 2005 at Oklahoma City.

He was born December 16, 1959 at Sasakwa, Okla., to Franklin and Mary Anne (Bishop) Alberson.

He was a member of Yellow Springs Methodist Church, Jesse, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Mary Anne Alberson.

He is survived by Ivan Wagon and Roy Byars, both of Lander, Wyo.; Robert and Kathy Alberson, Stratford, Okla.; Leona and Lynn Cuch, Roosevelt, Utah; Mildred Countryman, Lander; Myrtle Riley, Denver, Colo.; Vera Martin, Wichita, Kan.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were July 27, 2005 at Pickard Funeral Home Chapel, Stratford. Burial followed at Seeley Blue Cemetery, Pontotoc, Okla.

From the family of Beatrice Tekubie "Aunt Bea"

The family of Beatrice Tekubie would like to thank Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation employees for all your encouragement and prayers in our time of need.

We also want to thank the nurses and doctors in the Intensive Care Unit at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. Your excellent and professional care during Aunt Bea's stay was a blessing to the family. Special thanks are extended to nurse, David Yu, for the excellent attention he gave to Aunt Bea and the family.

Thank you is also extended to the Chickasaw Nation cultural resources department staff, Eddie Postoak, Charles Shields and the summer youth workers, Stanley Foster and his staff and crew, and the Chickasaw Senior Citizens for all their help and concern.

Sincerely,
Pauline Brown and Family

Answers to history quiz,
continued from page 14

1. **D**. E.B. Maytubby was the uncle of Floyd Maytubby who succeeded Gov. Johnston as Governor in 1939. E.B. Maytubby succeeded Floyd upon his death in 1963. I have copies of correspondence from Jess Humes, Haskell Paul and Douglas Johnston Jr. to federal officials expressing interest in the job.

2. **C**. Carter's stand on extending the tax-exempt status of Indian land by 16 years was very unpopular among Oklahomans who believed that the exemption should be lifted to give the young state a much-needed new source of revenue.

3. **C**. Converse of Tishomingo had had several conversations with his friend, Overton James, who had been leading a Chickasaw grass-roots campaign for three years to restore tribal sovereignty. Congressman Albert forwarded Rep. Converse's request to BIA acting commissioner John Crow who called the idea "impractical and expensive." James was named Chickasaw governor in 1963 and was elected to the position by Chickasaw voters in 1971, the first federally sanctioned tribal election since 1904.

4. **D**. None of the post-election accounts in the Indian Territory newspapers mentioned anything about federal support for Johnston. The other options were identified in articles. One other factor that drew no attention from the press was the question of whether voters believed Johnston would be able to wind up the affairs of the tribe in a satisfactory manner before March 26, 1906, when tribal government was supposed to be abolished. That should have been the most important factor because Johnston campaigned to do so and McLish did not. Johnston received 571 of the 955 votes cast.

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2005 CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING AND FESTIVAL

DATE	*TIME*	*EVENT*	*VENUE*
Saturday			
Sept. 24	9 am-2 pm	Jr. Olympics	THS
Sept. 24	9 am-until Finished	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC
Sept. 24	12:30 – until finished	Golf Tournament	Tishomingo Golf Course
Monday			
Sept. 26	6 pm	Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Tuesday			
Sept. 27	4 pm – 8 pm	Cultural Evening	Kullihoma – Ada
Tuesday - Thursday			
Sept.27-Sept.29	8:30am-3 pm	Youthful Celebration	Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge
Tuesday - Friday			
Sept.27-Sept. 30	9 am-2 pm	Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds
Tuesday - Saturday			
Sept.27-Oct.1	9 am-2 pm	Kids' Fun to Learn Tent	Pennington Park
Wednesday - Friday			
Sept.28-Sept.30	9 am-2 pm	Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds
Thursday			
Sept. 29	6 pm	Hall of Fame Reception	Murray State College Ballroom
Friday - Saturday			
Sept.30- Oct. 1	8 pm	JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)
Sept.30-Oct.1	10:30 am – 4 pm	Chickasaw Artists Exhibition	Grounds behind Capitol
Friday - Sunday			
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	7 pm	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Women's & Men's)	Jo. Co. Sports Complex/MSC
Saturday			
Oct. 1	8 am	Chickasaw Citizens Registration	MSC – Student Center One
Oct. 1	10:30 am-Until Finished	Chickasaw Annual Meeting	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC
Oct. 1	11:30 -5 pm	Band Day Extravaganza	THS
Oct. 1	11:30 –Until Finished	Parade	Main Street (Tishomingo)
Oct. 1	Noon – 5 pm	Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds
Oct. 1	Noon	Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus
Oct. 1	Noon –5 pm	Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park
Oct. 1	12:00-12:45pm	Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park
Oct. 1	1 pm	Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park
Oct. 1	1 pm –5 pm	Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds
Oct. 2	9 am - Until Finished	Finals of Fast Pitch Tournament	MSC/JCSC

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JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex
THS= Tishomingo High School

For additional information about the 2005 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.

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